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State will fund high school replacement

By Emily Lundberg

ALBANY — The school board can now exhale. On Oct. 22, the State Allocation Board granted Albany Unified School District nearly 100 percent of the funding needed to rebuild the now condemned and seismically unsafe Albany High School main building and gymnasium.

"It's quite a relief," said Superintendent Dale Hudson. "We couldn't be happier."

While the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), staff of the State Allocation Board, first recommended rejection of the school

board's retrofit funding application, the State Allocation Board unanimously overturned their ruling last Wednesday.

It granted the district hardship status and the approximately \$25 million to \$30 million required to replace the buildings.

While the district had earmarked \$7 million to \$9 million for the buildings' replacement, the State Allocation Board is requiring that Albany spend \$2.4 million "off the top," said Hudson. "Which means that with what is left we will be able to augment in some areas not covered."

The \$2.4 million will bring the

district up to the 95 percent bond indebtedness required for hardship status, and the influx of State money will allow for "much-needed flexibility in the overall Bond Budget," wrote Hudson, "which will be further revised."

The State Allocation Board also stipulates that the district be responsible for interim housing and demolition costs. However, said Hudson, the OPSC will buy the portables back from the district when they no longer need them, therefore there is "really only a temporary loss."

The OPSC originally recommended denial of the application

for AHS, because the high school was modernized in 1993, and modernization is supposed to bring a building up to seismic code.

In 1993, the school board thought it could pay for the retrofit with voter-approved bond money, but after the Loma Prieta and Northridge earthquakes, seismic standards increased, and the job became substantially more expensive.

For the last four months, the district has been pointing to several circumstances it claimed made Albany High School a unique "hardship" case. Stressing the uniqueness of AHS was key, because Senate and OPSC reservations stemmed

largely from a fear of precedent setting, or "opening a window" as Hudson put it, where hundreds of other districts would soon attempt to seek similar help.

The State Allocation Board ultimately agreed with the district that AHS's situation is in fact unique, and therefore merits hardship funding.

The unique circumstances include AHS's proximity to the Hayward fault, the main building's concrete structure, the main building's four separate disconnected faces, and the gymnasium's 30-foot-high walls, which were inadequately connected to the roof.

El Cerrito ready to decide

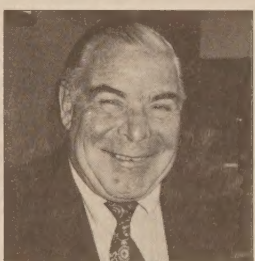
Voters' selections Tuesday on filling three City Council seats will decide El Cerrito's future course.



Janet Abelson



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Thom Stark

Different styles, different messages

By Peter Orne and Kimberly Lisagor

EL CERRITO — City Council candidates have treated residents to a spirited race this fall at a time when many residents agree the council needs strong medicine. But with six candidates vying for three council seats, residents need to weigh a multitude of views, styles and experience to vote in the best candidates on Nov. 4.

Some candidates have hired political consultants and financed big campaigns, soliciting funds inside and outside El Cerrito, while others have spent much of their own money or next to nothing.

Two candidates already sit on the council. The others say their work experience and community involvement qualify them for the job.

Some candidates have received endorsements. Some question endorsing and what it means to their candidacy.

All the candidates say they will bring courteous demeanor to the council, and offer examples of consensus building from their records. Although some say the issue of contention is not as important as addressing the city's financial and development problems, others say civility is needed to move forward on any other issue.

At candidates' forums, in newspapers and on cable television, residents have had some opportunity to learn the candidates' views on difficult issues facing the city: development at El Cerrito Plaza and Del Norte BART, Redevelopment Agency finances, an impending budget deficit, public safety, and cash-starved city services. But what has this 1997 political race shown residents about the candidates themselves?

Campaigning

Empty lots and front lawns are speckled with the professionally printed campaign posters of incumbents Mark Friedman and Gina Brusatori, which sit next to the simpler posters of candidates running less costly campaigns. Friedman has raised over \$10,000 in campaign contributions. Brusatori has brought in more than \$14,000. Those figures are more than double those of the nearest opponent,

Voters speak up as hopefuls walk blocks

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — You may have seen them. Armed with literature, water bottles, maps and smiles, they pound the El Cerrito asphalt hungry for one thing. Your Vote. Over the last two weeks *The Journal* walked precincts with the six city council candidates, observing their campaign styles, their answers to citizens' concerns and their endurance on El Cerrito's hilly terrain.

• When *The Journal* met Councilmember Mark Friedman at a local coffee shop, he was already in campaign mode, passing his literature to a young woman. "Picked up a vote," he said as he climbed into his Toyota Camry.

Having recently run for State Assembly, Friedman's a practiced campaigner. Currently Chief of Staff for Alameda County Supervisor Wilma

Chan, Friedman deals with economic development, environmental issues, health care, conversion of military bases and transportation. Forever dedicated to public service, Friedman's career path leads logically to politics.

Since his appointment to the city council in April, 1997, Friedman set up and oversaw the Del Norte Community Planning Process, which sought a community-supported development proposal for the Del Norte BART station.

• When *The Journal* met candidate Thom Stark at his home on Carlson Boulevard, he was animatedly talking on the phone. His couch and floor were covered with newspapers, magazines, books, envelopes and campaign literature, reflecting not only the trappings of a one-man campaign, but of an unfettered information addict.

As a commissioner on the Contra Costa County Charter Commission, as

president of the Friends of the El Cerrito Library, as a past city council candidate, as an attendant of all city council meetings and as a self-taught scholar, Stark's always ready to offer his usually well-formulated opinion, usually topped with a smidgen of self-deprecating humor.

• Councilmember Gina Brusatori jumped from her Honda and began consulting maps. Having started her campaign trek two months ago, Brusatori is for the most part left with omitted streets. Now she pieces together her records of the covered terrain.

"At first people asked, 'What election?'" she says as she peers down at her map.

The same determination, energy and preparedness that led this third-genera-

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EC eyes refinancing to lower Redevelopment debt

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The Redevelopment Agency is working toward refinancing its outstanding 1990 and 1991 bond issues, thereby lowering its annual debt service cost and generating funds to begin settling its debt to the city.

"Everybody has been scratching their heads over how the Redevelopment Agency would ever be able to repay the City for use of staff time over the years," said Agency Finance Subcommittee cochair Gina Brusatori.

"The agency was going to have a hard time moving forward in the

short-term without any immediate projects," she said. "We needed to take advantage of the lower rates to help meet the Agency's goals."

The Agency will sell its current 1991 and 1990 bond issues, and will reissue new bonds at a lower interest rate.

Under the plan, the Agency will insure the bond with a surety bond (a form of bond insurance), rather than through the current bond reserve fund. Therefore, the money already protecting the bond in the bond reserve fund (reserving the maximum annual debt service) will be released, generating additional funds to go toward the agency's

debt to the City.

Asked why the Agency did not refinance the bonds before, Brusatori answered that a "window of opportunity" opened, when Agency staff could focus on the refinancing, when investment bankers showed interest, and when the interest rates were low enough for long enough.

One of the primary objectives of the refinancing, as defined by the Redevelopment Agency, is meeting 1998-99 operating cost obligations to the City, including paying the full cost of support services, and paying the annual interest on the agency's debt to the City in

previous years.

The lower interest rates will decrease the Agency's annual debt service cost and allow them to pay the current operating costs and past annual interest costs.

The money released from the bond reserve fund will begin to pay back the principal amount of Agency debt to the city.

The Agency Finance Subcommittee, comprised of Brusatori and Agency Chair Jane Bartke, and the Agency staff have been working with a financial advisor to refinance for quite a while.

As it is, the Agency Board must approve the refinancing at its Nov.

17 meeting and, assuming all preparations go smoothly, the actual sale of the refinancing bonds will occur in early December.

Although the difference in annual debt service cost and the amount of money released from the bond reserve fund will be relatively modest, said Brusatori, "Every dollar helps to start chipping away at the Agency's debt."

Both she and Bartke want to direct the money to go to the City, Brusatori said, and not to other things.

"We want to show good faith that the agency will fulfill its obligation to the City," she said.

Worth Checking Out

Interchange tree removal

Construction work on the eastbound portion of the Interstate 80/580/Buchanan Street interchange in Albany is expected to begin in early November. In preparation for the construction, Caltrans began tree removal last week along I-80 between Gilman Street and Central Avenue. The agency says removal work is being done now in compliance with the Federal Migratory Bird Act, which protects migratory bird nesting sites and prohibits tree removal between late February and mid-August. Removed trees will be chipped and stored at adjacent Caltrans properties until the material is recycled. The agency says the work will result in a new I-80/I-580/Buchanan Street interchange, a continuous HOV lane on I-80 and a pedestrian/bicycle path stretching 4.5 miles between Albany and Powell Street in Emeryville. Details: 215-8080.

Plaza Trick or Treat

El Cerrito Plaza merchants will host their annual Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat day Oct. 31 (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.) at the Plaza, distributing "treats" while the costumed children of El Cerrito and its neighbors parade into each store. This event is open to all children 12 and under.

In conjunction with the parade, there is the Plaza's annual Coloring Contest. Contestants can pick up entry forms at any Plaza store, at the Tuesday and Saturday Farmers' Markets and at the Plaza Security Office. Submit entries by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

Dinner against hunger

A barbecued beef dinner and a chance to win a weekend at a Sierra cabin are features of a benefit for Richmond Food Pantry and Souper Center, Saturday Nov. 1 at Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd. in El Cerrito. A wine bar opens at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by silent auction of quilts, crafts and baked goods. Musical entertainment is also provided. Tickets are available at the door: Adults \$10, teens \$5. Details: 234-0110.

Halloween Fun House

Spend Halloween at the Albany YMCA Fun House Carnival, Oct. 31 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Games galore, tasty treats, perfect prizes, haunted house. A safe, fun time for all ages. Costumes welcome. 25 cents per game. All proceeds support YMCA Youth Programs. The Albany YMCA is at 921 Kains Ave., one block east of the intersection of Solano and San Pablo avenues. Details: 525-1130.

Craft Faire/Flea Market

El Cerrito's Community Services, Recreation Division is sponsoring a Community Craft Faire and Flea Market on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The fundraising event, to support childcare and senior service special programs and activities, will be a gathering place of school groups, business people, information groups and individuals wanting to offer a service or sell new, used or handcrafted items. Details: Judie Bellini, 215-4371.

Haunted Hilltop

Costumed youngsters will prowling Hilltop Mall's corridors and stores tomorrow when the center hosts its annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat event. Costumed children — accompanied by adults — are invited to visit Hilltop stores during the haunted hour of 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. to pick up pre-wrapped candies and goodies. Kids can pick up trick-or-treat bags at mall entrances, then load up on treats given out by participating merchants.

Holiday Boutique

Find jewelry, buttons, small quilts, dolls, beads, knit caps, cards, baby toys, bears, gift bags and other handmade gifts at the East Bay Heritage Quilters Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. This is your chance to beat the crowds and holiday traffic and find some unique gifts for the holidays. Details: 845-4255.

■ El Cerrito Election '97: City Council candidates have their final say

Gina Brusatori

Fighting for the El Cerrito I grew up in

I am a third generation El Cerritan with a strong commitment to community service. My grandparents moved to El Cerrito in 1910, both my parents grew up here and they raised my brother Brian and me in El Cerrito. In 1984, my husband Britt and I purchased my family home where we still live today. When my brother and I were growing up in our neighborhood, we had an extended family from Gatto Avenue to Ashbury Avenue and beyond.

I am running for council because I remember when things were great, when doors were left unlocked and when we kids played at the neighborhood park without needing parents to watch out for us. We had a thriving business community and wonderful places to shop in El Cerrito. Traffic and crime and development are no longer strangers in our community, but that doesn't relieve us of our responsibilities to make sure El Cerrito continues to be a safe community where we can raise healthy children. Compared to our neighboring cities, we are fortunate to have residents and business owners who also remember what El Cerrito was like and who support people like me who are willing to stand up and make a difference by running for a seat on the council.

Serving on the council is a logical step for me. I have volunteered for the City of El Cerrito for seven years. I have devoted my time and energy to positive, community-building activities including serving on the Public Safety and Planning Commissions. My proudest accomplishment is being the Co-Chair of Citizens for El Cerrito 2000, a grassroots organization that raised over \$90,000 to clear out the Hillside Natural Area after the 1991 Oakland-Berkeley firestorm.

For the past several weeks, I have walked in each of the 24 precincts and heard firsthand from loyal long-time residents and newer families about why they moved to El Cerrito. Whether young or old, they desire to see El Cerrito regain its top-notch reputation among West County cities—a reputation which has been tarnished over the years from fiscal budget constraints and an over-dependence upon redevelopment as the answer to whatever ails the city.

During the short time that I have been an appointed councilmember, I have increased financial disclosure and reporting so that my fellow councilmembers can make better informed decisions. I have spent numerous hours with staff to improve the quality of financial analysis, testing assumptions and questioning reports. I made sure we revised the Rubicon project, rejecting a proposed 40-year loan that exceeded the remaining life of the Agency. I also rejected the request to subsidize the Del Norte Place project because it made no sense.

Along with Agency Chair Jane Bartke, I have attended numerous meetings to review past redevelopment projects beginning with the Target Store. If the template we helped develop is readily understandable by the public, which I think it is, it could be used for all the other projects and made widely available. I am frankly disappointed that the project has yet to be published.

Clearly, I am applying my professional knowledge as a corporate banker for the past 15 years to make the city better managed from a fiscal point of view.

Additionally as an appointed councilmember, I have called for the General Plan community participation process to begin after the election in November. Revising the General Plan is not only the most important thing we will do, along with revitalizing the El Cerrito Plaza, in the next couple of years, but also the seminal event in the next decade. The City has budgeted \$250,000 and I am willing to spend even more if that is what it takes to obtain a community developed process that results in strong consensus supported by the residential and business communities. I want the new General Plan to help guide us in meeting goals that are responsive to our community needs and be

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Thom Stark

A vision for the new millennium

In the final few years of the 20th Century, El Cerrito is a city in crisis.

Too many vacant storefronts line San Pablo Avenue. The Plaza has become a liability, rather than an asset. Our streets and sidewalks, parks and playgrounds are underlit and poorly-maintained. Municipal services have been cut to the bone. Our city budget faces a \$1 million-a-year deficit, while our Redevelopment Agency owes us millions of dollars.

On Nov. 4, we will elect the first members of our City Council to serve into the 21st Century. Whoever we select must have the vision, wisdom and leadership to ensure that, together, we build a city that will thrive and prosper in the new millennium.

Here is my vision of the challenges we face and the strategies we should pursue to meet them:

Plan for the future: El Cerrito's General Plan is now more than 20 years out of date. It is ill-suited to the city of today and totally unsuited to the city we will become 20 years from now.

We must rewrite it. Those who do must fairly represent the entire demographic and political spectrum of El Cerrito, including representatives of our business community. No one group or point of view can be allowed to dominate our deliberations.

The Prince of Wales Centennial Plan has a lot of value, not as a finished document, but as a starting point for discussion. It gives us a straw man to which we can react by adopting elements we like and want to keep and rejecting those we dislike and want to replace. That gives us a leg up over starting with a blank sheet of paper.

Regardless of its final shape, I believe the finished plan must be cast into specific revisions to the General Plan, the Zoning Code and the Redevelopment Plan and be placed on the ballot for ratification. This will establish whether the rewritten code represents the will of the majority of voters and it will force future Councils to follow its provisions.

If it is wisely and realistically drawn, this revision will enable us to offer a fast track to developers who wish to build what we want. It will eliminate much of the contention which now surrounds every major development proposal. And it will enable us to build the kind of city in which most of us want to live.

Reform the Redevelopment Agency: El Cerrito's Redevelopment Agency is broke, possibly bankrupt and has cost us \$1.7 million in loans for staff salaries, services, legal fees and overdue interest. It has no vision of what it is trying to accomplish.

I advocate a comprehensive outside audit of the Agency's finances and an analysis of the costs and benefits of its past and current projects, written in language ordinary citizens can understand. I want to put the Agency on a pay-as-you-go basis for its own staff, services and legal costs.

I want to make the Agency Board a separately-elected body from the City Council to create a badly-needed system of checks and balances.

The Agency's current projects and commitments should be reevaluated in light of the community-based rewrite of the General Plan. Those projects should be put on hold until that rewrite is completed.

Deal honestly with our impending deficit: Our City Manager predicts that, beginning next year, El Cerrito will run a \$1 million-a-year deficit. The Council chose to increase the 1996 Citizens Task Force recommendation for a \$75/year fire benefit assessment to \$125/year (with no sunset provision) and add an annual

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Janet Abelson

Shop carefully

What has amazed me most as a candidate for City Council has been what I've heard some candidates and their supporters say about the role of redevelopment in El Cerrito. I actually heard one candidate say one thing at a candidates night and the next night take a completely opposite position.

In this article I want to discuss some of statements that have been made about redevelopment and separate truth from fiction.

In the early '70s, before the Redevelopment Agency was created, my husband, Howard, served on the Citizen's Advisory Committee that recommended creation of the Redevelopment Agency. He served on the City Council from 1980 to 1988. Redevelopment activities were frequently a dinner table topic. I did most of my shopping at the Plaza, and therefore paid close attention to what was taking place.

The City realized 20 years ago that, unless something was done to improve the Plaza, it was headed for trouble. This prediction was correct and the closing of such stores as the Emporium, Woolworth's and other smaller stores have made the Plaza an endangered species. Other stores, I predict, may close by the end of the year.

In the 1980s the City attempted to improve the Plaza by seeking to encourage the addition new department stores. As a result of circumstances beyond the City's control, such as an attempted corporate takeover, rising interest rates and competition from a nearby project, nothing changed at the Plaza.

The best thing that could happen at the Plaza would be for the owners to revitalize it without any help from the Redevelopment Agency. However, due to existing legal easements and leases, I doubt any plan can be accomplished without redevelopment help from the City. Some candidates are attempting to alarm citizens by saying that low cost subsidized housing is going into the Plaza. The truth is that this has never been part of any plan for the Plaza. I would be opposed to any such plan. Beware of candidates offering simple solution to the problems of the Plaza. There are none!

Claims have been made that the Redevelopment Agency's financial records are secret and that an independent audit should be conducted of the agency. In truth, with very few exceptions the records of the agency are public records. All you have to do is go down to City Hall and ask to see them. The agency has always been audited regularly by an independent auditor.

Some claim Del Norte Place is a failure and that the stores there don't pay their rent. I don't know any landlord who would not evict a tenant who doesn't pay rent. The last time I looked, the vast majority of the stores at Del Norte Place were rented. While we lost the Silver Dollar, we gained String's, an excellent, inexpensive restaurant. Does anyone remember the Bay Bridge Motel? It was leveled to make way for this project. The Bay Bridge Motel was notorious for drugs, prostitution and other criminal activity.

Because Del Norte Place is close to the BART Station, a significant number of its residents use public transportation instead of private automobiles. This helps ease congestion on the freeway and certainly helps the environment.

I do not blindly support everything the Redevelopment Agency has done. For example I was opposed to the proposed mega-theater development at the Del Norte BART Station. The Del Norte Station is an important transportation hub because of its location near the freeway. Buses from Marin and Solano counties, and local buses serve this station. The mega-theater would have been a disaster for a number of reasons. One of these was that the layout and traffic would have interfered with buses severing the station and created a traffic nightmare.

In conclusion I would suggest that selecting a candidate for the El Cerrito City Council is like shopping for goods and services. We have all learned to watch out for false and misleading advertising. We question someone offering a quick easy and cheap solution to a complex problem. The same rules apply to candidates. Shop carefully!

Larry Damon

New road ahead

It is well established that those comfortable with the status quo fear change. The incumbents, and the candidates they support, are quite comfortable. But, I believe that change is necessary. I believe the fundamental purpose of city government is to provide basic services to its citizens. Our fire fighting and police professionals must be fairly compensated and given the resources they need to ensure public safety. We need expansion in Parks and Recreation, including more and better soccer and baseball fields. We need more support for our swimming and tennis programs. We need expanded seniors' services. We need to fix our streets. I believe the continuing controversy over redevelopment has diverted our attention and drained our resources from these basic needs.

This cannot continue. We must realign our priorities and reconfirm our basic mission. There are other candidates, however, who advocate high density housing, additional tax measures, and never question whether the Redevelopment Agency has brought the kinds of projects we want, or whether it is managed in a fiscally sound manner. I think we should expect better.

I value El Cerrito as a community of homes and believe we can rejuvenate our commercial district to get new attractive businesses for a lot less than the \$17 million that redevelopment has spent to date.

To accomplish this goal, however, we must realize that redevelopment alone cannot renew our business community. Instead, we must mesh the efforts of redevelopment with the private sector so we can attract the types of businesses to El Cerrito that we want. If we follow this plan we can create a vibrant shopping environment at the Plaza. Similarly, if we address the areas near the Del Norte BART station in a comprehensive rather than piecemeal manner we can create a development we can be proud of. Rather than the 20-screen mega-theater that has been advocated for the area, I would like to create an office park supported by local-serving retail. Such a development would create greater economic diversification and balance, as well as make El Cerrito a destination rather than a point of departure.

With regard to the city's budget, unlike other candidates, I don't accept the notion that there is a "structural deficit" requiring additional taxes. Rather than assume new taxes are necessary, we need to examine the budget more closely and re-focus our spending priorities appropriately. For example, the Redevelopment Agency owes the city \$1.7 million. If this debt was repaid, we would be able to direct at least \$150,000 a year into other services like Parks and Recreation.

To do this, change is necessary. Effective and lasting change, however, depends upon having a workable approach. From experience, I know that agreement on core principles can dull the sharp points of contention and create a positive environment for change.

To this end, I created a set of seven Principles and Practices for a better El Cerrito (Journal, Oct. 9). These Principles and Practices emphasize community services, initiating a Redevelopment Agency debt repayment program to the city, no new taxes without clear justification, financial disclosure and City Council and staff accountability, open communication between the community and the council, comprehensive city and redevelopment planning, as well as establishing a balance between redevelopment and market-driven development.

These Principles and Practices seek to blamelessly define El Cerrito's present issues and cooperatively resolve them. They do not attack anyone. But I don't contend they are perfect. For this reason,

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Mark Friedman

My Priorities for El Cerrito

For the last two months I have been every corner of El Cerrito, knocking on doors and talking to neighbors. The more I spend listening to El Cerritan's concerns, the more I learn. We have many wonderful people in town and a lot of talent, creativity and community wisdom. After hundreds of conversations it is clear what the top priorities of most El Cerritan's are:

• The revitalization of El Cerrito Plaza. The decline of the Plaza forces citizens to travel long distances to shop and is a hard on seniors. I pledge to make restoration of the Plaza my top priority. This means working with the owners and merchants to renew the Plaza with much better stores.

• Del Norte area development that improves our community. I started the community planning process to make sure everyone wanted to could express their opinion and vision for the area. The community wants preferences clear and I agree with them. I strongly oppose any plans to put in a multi-screen movie theater complex.

• Protecting your tax dollars in budget decisions. Redevelopment money is taxpayer's money and must be spent with care on projects that the large majority of citizens support. When citizens feel officials are spending their money poorly to improve El Cerrito they will be much more supportive of efforts to expand revenue.

• Restoring community trust. The council and its critics must learn to speak and deal with civility and respect. People are tired of bickering and hostility. Reaching out to include all citizens in decision making, healthy debate is essential to working together for the betterment of El Cerrito. I have attempted to improve the standards of civility by setting an example of polite, respectful and attentive behavior at all public meetings. Maintaining a healthy and positive sense of humor is also necessary.

• Improving neighborhood and public safety services. Maintaining and expanding public safety by bringing in additional revenue and using volunteers will make our community safer. The El Cerrito Professional Firefighters Association endorsed me because of my commitment to public safety.

These issues represent key elements of our community. Senior and youth services, better public transit, improved recreational facilities, environmental sensitivity; tax protection, strong local businesses are all ingredients for a safe and vital city.

I'm proud to have the endorsement of the *West County Times*, the Sierra Club, Congressman George Miller, business leaders, labor unions, community group, educators, parents and members of all political parties who understand that the decision made today will impact our city for decades.

Inclusiveness, openness, and accessibility are keys to effective city government. I track record in 25 years of community service and problem solving well qualifies me to take on all the challenges we face. I hope that you will give me your vote next Tuesday and we can work at making El Cerrito better ... together.

■ Election Notes

Last word on civility?

Better late than never, city council candidate Gina Brusatori checks in this week on the "Pledge of Civility" with this statement:

I signed a voluntary Code of Fair Campaign Practices offered by the City of El Cerrito to all candidates who run for city office. I have read the code and I agree with its principles. I have also read my campaign papers on August 8, 1997. I have also read an issue-oriented campaign and have set an example for members of my campaign team by engaging in polite and honest discussions, whether verbally while precinct walking and speaking to groups, or in writing correspondence. Upholding a pledge of civility has been made less difficult because I have always tried to be respectful of others and focused on the message, rather than the messenger. I know the short time that I have been an Appointed Councilmember I applaud the initiative of concerned El Cerritan's who

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■ Constituents get in their final say

Change things for better

I was glad to see Larry Damon's "7 Principles for a better El Cerrito" published in *The Journal*. It's about time someone stood up and stated how they would go about changing El Cerrito. This was a crisp, clear, and comprehensive set of principles that will help our city and get us out of the doldrums of the status quo.

As we all know, the real issue before us is determining how effective the candidates running for city council can actually be at fixing the problems facing El Cerrito—redevelopment debt, cuts in city services, lack of planning, and poor fiscal management. I think the Redevelopment Agency repaying the debt it owes the city's general fund is a great start to getting El Cerrito back on its feet.

Phil Shaw

School change needed

I recommend the people of West County elect Glen Price and Brian Leary to the WCCUSD School Board. We can thank a gracious God and the current school board for period of fiscal and political stability that has allowed the district to emerge from most of the trials of bankruptcy. However, I believe the

individuals we need to thank for this stability are also completely committed to the status quo. Worse, they draw their vision of our schools' future from the historic past, which is no longer appropriate for the individual needs of our children as they prepare for life in the 21st century.

Everyone on our school board has tolerated the reality that 25-30 percent of our middle and senior high school students are two to four years below grade level performance in English language reading and communication skills. Current board members and many district employees are co-dependent on this problem in a perpetual cycle of redefinition and "new" initiatives that ultimately preserve the problem. I believe Price and Leary are the two candidates most likely to establish the student performance standards and district employee accountability necessary to bring all students to English grade level performance.

James S. Young

Friedman for council

Thank you, Clara Rae Genser, for your Oct. 23 article about Mark Friedman. We know he is a valuable person just from being around him, but when I wrote my previous letter supporting him, I did

not know just how valuable he is.

We really need Mark's talents leading our city. Rather than recite his accomplishments, I want to direct you to read Genser's article of Oct. 23, which lists Friedman's actual deeds and gifts, rather than simply promises of what he might do.

Joan Bartlett

Time for Thom

I believe the City Council needs to improve its attentiveness to what its citizens are saying and definitions of the city's goals. In furtherance of this, I believe the City Council should have the leadership to improve the image or pursue the goals of the citizens.

I know one candidate in the election, Thom Stark, has both the common sense to listen to citizens as well as the leadership abilities to pull the city together to pursue and achieve the goals of the citizens. I encourage all to vote for Thom Stark for the good of El Cerrito.

Karl Bort

Trio worth electing

We are fortunate to have three outstanding candidates. See SAY on page 10

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Albany seeking ways to slow traffic coming through town

by Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — What some view as the chronic problem of speeders on Albany streets came to official attention last week when the City Council earmarked \$150,000 to create a citywide transportation plan.

The plan, approved by a 4-1 vote with Mayor Bob Good opposed, will involve a year's worth of studies, data collection and neighborhood meetings designed to flesh out exactly what the city's traffic problems are and the consequences of potential mitigations.

While concerns about speeders were universal at the meeting, which drew the largest citizen turnout in months, ideas as to solutions were not as good, citing the cost of the study, felt a crackdown by the Police Department would be a quicker, more effective remedy.

The impetus for the plan stems from the repeated requests of neighborhood groups for stop signs and speed bumps on their streets, requests often turned down by the Traffic and Safety Commission on the basis that the impacts of such measures were unknown. The plan will tackle localized issues, such as speeders on Marin Avenue, and also deal with universal concerns, such as speeding near schools and conflicts between bicycles and automo-

biles.

To begin with, the plan will break the city into four quadrants, using San Pablo and Solano avenues as the dividing lines. In the city's northwest quadrant, for example, the plan will focus on resident concerns such as commuter traffic on Pierce Street and Cleveland Avenue, while in the southeast quadrant it will instead look at conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians on Marin and the effects of Berkeley traffic moving through Albany.

As part of the effort, the city will hold at least two neighborhood meetings in each quadrant, and collect data regarding traffic volume and speed. According to Community Development Director Bill Ekern, the plan will give the city a comprehensive view of Albany traffic, as well as validating the "anecdotal information" that has repeatedly come before the Traffic and Safety Commission during the past decade.

Solving or shifting?

One problem in dealing with requests for stop signs and other mitigations, Ekern said, is that when traffic is diverted or slowed on one street, such measures often affect adjacent routes. "People are kind of like water once they're in their cars — they move where there's the least opposition," he said, adding that the

plan would give the city a chance to look "holistically" at the problem, including how changes in traffic flow would impact public transportation and proposed bike routes.

Also, said City Administrator Daren Fields, while Albany may, in terms of acreage, be a relatively small town, a variety of outside factors, such as the I-80 freeway and traffic from El Cerrito Plaza and the Berkeley hills, add to the complexity of the situation. "We're a mile square, but we're not an island," Fields said.

Councilmember Peggy Thomsen kicked off the discussion by agreeing that speeding is indeed a problem. "We do seem to be becoming the Albany freeway to wherever at an enormously exponential rate," Thomsen said.

It was an opinion seconded by some two dozen city residents, many from upper Marin Avenue neighborhoods, who felt the council should put the pedal to the metal in seeking ways to slow traffic down.

"This is a scary town to try to have children in," said Albany resident Debra Dove, pointing to Marin as "the Cypress Freeway of Albany."

"If you want to validate anecdotal information, take a stroller and try to cross Marin," Dove said.

In what proved perhaps the most unusual move at the meeting, City Attorney Robert Zweben stepped from behind the council dais and spoke for the first time in nearly 20 years not as a city official but instead as a member of the public. Zweben said he originally became involved in city politics in 1977 as a Traffic and Safety commissioner

seeking stop signs in his neighborhood, and felt that, regardless of the study, such measures should be installed as soon as possible.

"I would ask that we consider stop signs, and would volunteer (my own) money to donate to the cost of it as well," Zweben said.

According to Fields, the length of the study stems in part from the large number of neighborhood meetings. Also, said Council member Bruce Mast, the study will help the city prioritize potential mitigations, which, unless they are paid for out of the General Fund, could likewise take some time to implement as the city pursues outside sources.

Enforcement doesn't slow problem

While a majority of council members expressed support for the study, Mayor Good seemed more inclined to let the Police Department deal with the matter. Citing the cost of the study as a "major concern," Good asked Police Chief Larry Murdo if his department didn't already have a full-time traffic enforcement officer to help slow Albany speeders down.

Through the first eight months of 1997, Albany police wrote some 150 traffic tickets per month, a number which, in September, nearly doubled to 280.

According to Murdo, while the city does indeed have a full-time position dedicated to traffic enforcement, that officer often gets pulled from his duties when, for example, an arrest must be made and no other personnel are available for booking.

"Enforcement alone is not the singular strategy to solve this problem," Murdo said, pointing to the increase in tickets and noting that it had little visible difference on Albany traffic. Murdo, who lived on Marin for 10 years, agreed with the council majority that a study is the



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best long-term solution.

"I certainly embrace a synergistic, comprehensive survey," Murdo said.

Before approving the plan, the council also discussed a number of specific problems and solutions. Councilmember Elizabeth Baker, for example, pointed to a pair of speed humps installed by Berkeley on Peralta Avenue, saying they resulted in drivers going even faster when they hit Albany's unhumphed streets, angered, she said, by the obstruction.

Mast brought up the city's Bicycle Master Plan, which is currently the subject of a study, paid for by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, with results expected in December. One aspect of the plan, if it is approved, would involve converting Marin from a four-lane road to two lanes, with a third, middle

lane dedicated solely to left turns.

"It's one possible solution that may help," Mast said.

Good, however, stuck by his guns, saying \$150,000 was too much to spend on a study.

"I don't think we need to spend that at this time when we already know what citizens are saying," Good said. "The solution, I think, is greater traffic enforcement."

Other council members, however, felt differently, and the plan was approved by a 4-1 vote. Though the plan will be a year in the making, council members also expressed interest in implementing other actions as soon as possible.

"We heard you," Councilmember Jon Ely told those who attended the meeting. "And I think you'll see some action."

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Police Reports

Transient wants to keep cozy spot

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 7 a.m. on Oct. 19 officers responded to reports of a man sleeping in a back yard on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue with loud music playing. Officers contacted a 30-year-old transient man who was very resistant to questioning. The property owner did not want to press charges for trespassing. The man was arrested for resisting, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the afternoon of Oct. 20 a resident on the 700 block of Calhoun Street reported that vandals had broken all the locks in the garage storage area.

On the evening of Oct. 21 officers contacted a 42-year-old transient man from Albany who was known to have a no bail warrant in Albany for trespassing and possession of drugs. He was arrested, cited

and transported to the Berkeley jail.

On Oct. 22 a resident in the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into her blue '87 Toyota Terrel and stole various items.

On Oct. 22 a resident on the 600 block of Kains Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole his blue '83 Toyota Corolla.

On Oct. 22 a resident on the 1500 block of Marin Avenue reported that thieves stole his cell phone from inside his car while it was parked in front of his home.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 23 officers responded to reports of a man laying down inside a silver '84 Oldsmobile parked on Clay Street near San Pablo Avenue. Officers contacted a 43-year-old San Pablo man who was in possession of heroin and a syringe. He was found to be in violation of his parole and was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

At about 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 24 officers responded to a 911 call from a woman on the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue who said she was stranded when a car dropped her off. She was found to be intoxicated. She was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

On Oct. 24 a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that the passenger window of her silver '82 Volvo had been broken.

On Oct. 24 a resident on the 900 block of Curtis Street reported that during the night thieves stole his maroon '88 Toyota Camry.

On Oct. 24 officers located an '87 Toyota on the 900 block of Curtis Street that had been reported as stolen from out of Richmond. The Richmond police were notified.

On Oct. 25 officers arrested a

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Residents report juvenile prowler

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — On Oct. 22, a '73 Ford Courier was stolen from the 5600 block of MacDonald Ave.

On Oct. 20 at the El Cerrito Plaza, someone smashed the front passenger window of an '84 Honda Civic and took a cellular phone from the car seat.

Someone cut the rear window covering of a Volkswagen Cabriolet convertible on the 2600 block of Tulare on Oct. 21.

Between Oct. 20 and 21 on the 3200 block of Belmont, someone entered an unlocked '91 Mazda Miata and removed a raincoat and cassette tapes.

A '90 Ford Mustang was stolen from the Plaza on Oct. 20.

Someone pried open a window and entered International Mailing Equipment between Oct. 17 and 20, removing an electronic mail scale.

On the 6200 block of Cypress on Oct. 18, someone took golf clubs and fishing equipment from the side of a residence while the owner was moving into the residence.

During a routine traffic stop on Cutting and Kearney on Oct. 16, an El Cerrito juvenile was found to be in possession of marijuana.

Four separate residents reported a juvenile prowling on Oct. 20 at 2 p.m., on the 6900 block of Snowden, a neighborhood where recent daytime residential burglaries have occurred.

A juvenile took a computerized dictionary from Target on Oct. 20 without paying for it.

On Oct. 20, an El Cerrito resident found a crossman pellet gun under a plant on Mooser and turned it in to ECPD property.

An '88 Toyota Corolla was stolen from the 5600 block of Jordan St. on Oct. 19.

On Oct. 3 at 11:35 a.m., a 30-year-old black male, standing 6 feet, weighing around 180 pounds and wearing a blue shirt and jeans, grabbed an Albany woman's purse on the BART path south of Potrero. Another woman attempted to help the victim. The strap of the purse broke, and the suspect grabbed both of the women down, then with the purse.

A Richmond juvenile caught taking items not paid for from Target on Oct. 15. Another Richmond juvenile was caught after taking merchandise not paid for from Target on Oct. 14. A San Pablo man was caught removing merchandise paid for from Target. A San Pablo woman was caught taking merchandise from FoodsCo on Oct. 12. A Richmond male was caught taking items not paid for from Target on Oct. 16.

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1927: Sparsely populated Albany is a great place for a kid

By James Carter

When Robert Golden Sr. moved into his home on Peralta Street in 1927, he and his brother John would walk across the grassy fields of Albany to a beautiful little beach by the Bay where the race track is located now. Back then, the water of the Bay was clean and so clear one could see the bottom. Roger and his brother would go swimming at the beach and dive for shell fish.

Back in 1927, there weren't many houses in Albany or El Cerrito. In fact, on the way to the Bay, Robert encountered more bricks than he did homes. The bricks were all that remained of the Judson Explosives Factory that blew up in 1905 — an explosion so violent it was felt in

San Francisco.

As children, when Robert and his brother weren't playing at the beach, they'd spend their afternoons at Codornices Creek, sometimes following it all the way up the Berkeley hills to its source. They'd take a short cut across property owned by the Olsen family to one of their favorite swimming holes, a pool where they water was six feet deep. There they would swing across the creek from a rope tied to a branch of a big tree that shaded the creek and, once above the deepest part of the pool, let go and dive into the crystal spring water.

When Robert was growing up, young people had a assortment of natural playgrounds to choose from, including the beach, Codornices and El Cerrito Creeks, Indian Rock and

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Albany Hill, to name a few.

Young people spent hours on end exploring Albany Hill (known as El Cerrito — "The Little Hill" at that time). There weren't any homes or apartment buildings on Albany Hill in those days: Children would climb all the way to the top of the hill and slide down the grass that grew on the eastern slopes until they reached an area where the bowling alley sits now. When Robert was growing up — in fact, up until the '50s, with a little effort, one could find an arrowhead on Albany Hill.

Indian Rock was another place where arrow heads could be unearthed. A natural tunnel used to snake underneath that marvelous rock formation. Once when Robert's son, Robert Junior, was exploring the cave, he got stuck there and the fire department had to rescue him.

Life was pretty good for kids growing up in The East Bay back then: Most folk would probably agree that life is still pretty good here. But things were different: For one thing, people didn't lock their doors. And for the longest time, Robert knew all the neighbors on his block and up and down the next.

On Halloween, folks made popcorn balls and candied apples and the streets were full of kids trick-or-treating. Parents would sit out in front of their homes and keep an eye on their children, as well as those of their neighbors.

Every Fourth of July, there was a big parade that marched down Solano turning right on San Pablo then up Portland Street to Memorial Park. There were marching bands, cowboys and classic cars that parade down the street. Families barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs at the park, played baseball and set off fireworks.

In most of Albany and El Cerrito, after school and during the summer, youngsters would run from one house to the next, flying into their neighbors homes like members of the same family. Robert said "people used to lookout for one another back then." But nowadays, when he hears a commotion outside his home, Robert admits he doesn't even bother to look to see what is happening. "There's so much noise and banging around now," he explained. "And I don't even know a lot of my neighbors anymore."

But not all the changes Robert has witnessed are for the worse, he admits. Some things are better now than they were when he was a kid. One example is Albany High school.

Back when Robert was a student at Albany High, it didn't have much of a reputation academically. That's one thing that has changed for the better. In fact, one of the reasons Robert believes Albany has lost its community feeling over the years is because "people move to Albany to get their kids educated. As soon as their kids graduate, they move out to a bigger or a more spacious place." As a consequence, "There just isn't the same feeling that there used to be. In fact, nowadays, people live in Albany for three years then the next thing you know, they're on the city council."

Robert Golden Sr. graduated from Albany High in 1936. He was

part of the school's third graduating class. At that time, two classes graduated every year. High school ran from the eighth to the twelfth grade, and the average classroom size was twenty students. But Robert attended Berkeley High for couple of years while what was then the "new" building was being constructed. Once it was completed, he transferred back to Albany.

Before the "new" high school was built, Albany High "didn't look much like a school," according to Robert. "In fact we used to call it the barn." When the new site was opened, it "took a few years for things to get organized." Robert explained that "the math teacher might not have been a math major college, and the English teacher might have majored in PE. "That's one problem students experiencing the most recent rebuilding won't have to worry about."

As is the case for students today, when Robert went to Albany High, there was no gymnasium. While track teams at other schools had traditional oval-shaped tracks, the Cougars would practice by running down Key Route Boulevard until they reached the end, then turn around and run back. The baseball and football teams played on Memorial Field. Yet, according to Robert, "We had some pretty good athletes," and everyone who went out for sports "had a real good time."

Up until the '50s, in Albany, Berkeley, and El Cerrito, there were trains and electric buses on just about every main street. The Key Route system ran up Solano, through the tunnel and down shattuck into downtown Berkeley. The Red Train route took passengers along Ninth street, and according to Robert, you could ride it all the way to the ferry

Editor's note: This is the first in what we hope will be a series on what it was like growing up in this area. We encourage longtime residents will contact us so we can put them in touch with series author James Carter. Write us at P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; or call our voice mail, 236-9243.

at Seventh Street in Oakland. The Santa Fe train ran down Masonic Avenue. Robert's grandson, Anthony, used to hop a freight train near his home in the morning and get a ride to Albany High, much to the consternation of his mother.

When asked what is the biggest change in Albany and El Cerrito since he was a kid, Robert pointed to the number of houses and apartments that exist now, and the loss of many of the natural wonders that once existed here. But the one change that seems to have affected him the most is the loss of a sense of community.

Robert recalls with fondness the days when everyone knew each other and neighbors kept a eye out for one another. Yet, while reminiscing about the old days, Robert suddenly changed course: His eyes lit up as he mentioned an organization set up in his neighborhood designed to prepared for earthquakes. "They have a pretty good little group set up in his block here...they've had a couple of barbecues and they're pretty well organized."

I asked Robert if there was a such a group when he was growing up. "No," he said, "we didn't think much about earthquakes back then." But he added, "it's a pretty good thing. Now I have a feeling of a little more security. You know, we're all older people now, and if something did happen, I know they'd help us."

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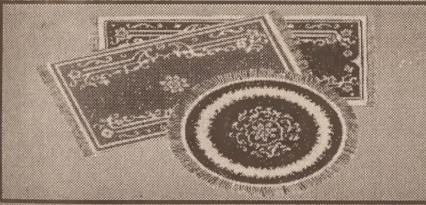
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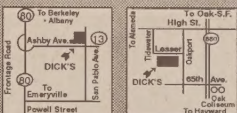
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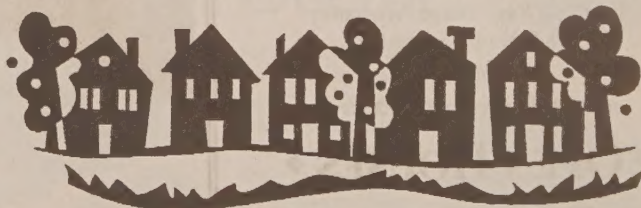
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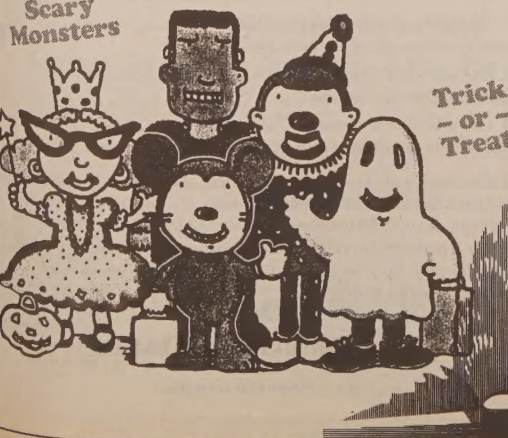
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Don Peters' hobby allows him to reach new heights

There was one very relevant paragraph in the photocopy of an article that Denyse Biagi sent me. It was about the fourth annual International Hand Launch Glider Festival, held in June. And that paragraph is of great interest to us, so I repeat it in its entirety:

"Daryl Perkins flew both the poly (Maple Leaf 4) and the aileron (Maple Leaf LE) versions of Maple Leaf to victory. Designed by Don Peters of El Cerrito, California, the Maple Leaf is an all Kevlar/epoxy (except for the tail surfaces which are glass/epoxy skinned balsa cores) composite beauty. You literally have to see this unique plane to appreciate the exquisite workmanship that is incorporated into this ship. Every detail is covered to perfection, even the tiny solid carbon fiber pushrods ... and the intermittent pieces of tubing attached to the fuselage sides that act as the guides for the push rods. The Maple Leaf is as close to an ARF ship as you can get without having someone else install the servos for you. Both versions are extremely light (8.5-9.75 oz. for the ML4 and 11-11.5 oz. for the ML-LE) and yet the Kevlar fuselage is very durable. Perfection comes at a price though roughly \$300."

As you have probably guessed, it is about Don Peters of El Cerrito that I am writing. And as you read the above paragraph you get a very good picture of the work Peters is

now doing — in addition to his regular work as a Realtor — that is turning from a hobby to a very successful business. But we get ahead of ourselves in our story about this multifaceted man.

Don Peters was born and raised in the Central Valley of California, until he "fled" at the age of 18. And here is an anomaly for you: the Central Valley has very few bodies of water, right? Yet Peters interests and hobbies have always had to do with sailing.

He explains that he was self-employed in the sail making business for 12 to 14 years. Then he had a boatyard in Richmond where he did construction and repair of boats. After that, "with a couple of other guys" he did design and construction of custom yachts in Alameda.

He explains he was a "provisional sailor" since "a lot of my business had to do with race sailing boats" but it was design and construction that really fascinated him. "I probably do best with building things, making things," he explains.

Peters says that he got into the real estate business when he wanted to do something bigger. He is the owner of Marvin Gardens Real Estate in El Cerrito. But real estate was not really part of our conversation. It was the sailing, the sail making, the yacht design and construction, and ultimately, the hand launch glider that we talked about.

He was fascinated with air moving over an air foil. Then a friend got him interested in radio controlled sail planes (another hobby run amok). "I fly quite a bit, but do it for relaxation and enjoyment, and for testing, but have no real interest in competition," he adds. "I did enough of that racing sailboats to last me the rest of my life. So now I'm a builder."

The simple way to play with radio controlled planes is to go buy one and fly it, he notes, and adds that he did that for a while. But "then, being a tinkerer, I couldn't tinker with somebody else's design. I had to reinvent the wheel." At first he just built them for himself, and would make design and construction changes as he went along. About two years ago people

started saying, "Hey, what is that? Where did you get it?" and then "would you build me one?" "That's when it started to get out of hand." He says it has become a sort of cottage industry in the last year and a half. He has made about 100 sail planes this year. He can't do more without hiring people. "The reason people want the planes is kind of the same reason I think I would have difficulty hiring people to build them — the work on them is anal retentive, compulsive, etc."

He says the contest written about in the article sent to me had about 70 entries. This year the same guy is entering one of his planes in a national contest in Muncie, Indiana, where there will probably be about 100 people entering. At the time of our interview that same

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



man was in Turkey at the world F3B class contest. He won two years ago and is back as defending champ this year.

Peters says all he builds is hand launchers. He explains something about how they are built, and the weight of the classes. He talks about the difficulty in sending them to the customers, and says the freight costs almost as much as the plane. And he speaks of the difficulties in developing the business, when it is all slanted toward performance and competition, and it really depends

upon the talent of the flier. But says, "it gives me an outlet for creativity that real estate does not have."

Which seems a very good reason to do it.

As always, I invite all of you to give me your input, as Denyse Biagi did with Don Peters: interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Park St., #443, Albany, 94706 or call 525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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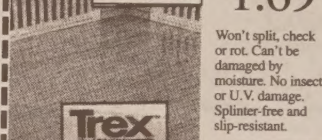
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who are running for city council. Through their many years of volunteer activities over the years, they have made valuable contributions to our community. They each have a positive vision for our city's future. They will bring their skills and experience at problem-solving and team-building to work closely with all residents and businesses for the betterment of the entire community.

The West County Times and many community leaders have endorsed these three candidates. Join me on Nov. 4 by voting for Janet Abelson, Gina Brusatori, and Mark Friedman.

Pat Cattel

Abelson well-qualified

Janet Abelson is running for City Council. Everyone who meets Janet is impressed with how nice a person she is. More than that, she has given years of volunteer service to this community while she and her husband raised five children. Janet has served on many advisory and policy-making boards and commissions at the local, regional, and national levels. She is a hard-working advocate on community issues, including public schools, senior and disability rights, transportation, and public safety. Janet is a sensible woman with great credentials from 20 years of experience in finance and business who understands the issues and challenges facing our city. Janet listens to all sides and always strives

for consensus and community-building. She is endorsed by the West County Times, The El Cerrito Fire Fighters, and numerous community leaders.

Vote for Janet Abelson on Nov. 4.

Marge Collins

Ready to face challenges

I'm voting for those three candidates for city council who are ready for the challenges of the 21st century.

They are the two incumbents, Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman, who have demonstrated splendid track records. They listen to all the people and act in their behalf. They are socially progressive but fiscally conservative. They are community-minded rather than ruggedly individualistic.

I also proudly support Janet Abelson, noted equally as a successful advocate for children and their public schools, for the disabled, so often neglected, and for El Cerritos. She welcomes the new world of the 21st century. She loves El Cerrito. Dan Freudenthal

This is hardly civility

When I read Larry Damon's city-wide campaign brochure, I became very angry and disappointed on several issues. Although I have supported your campaign on a number of fiscal management issues, I must strongly question your veracity on several points.

Primarily, you should be well aware your use of

several negative answers in the comparison grid between you and Gina Brusatori is untruthful. Last Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce Candidates night, you heard and agreed with the truth; that Gina advocates better financial reporting and management in both the City and the Redevelopment Agency. This is her area of professional expertise. Also, she opposes high density housing at the Plaza and has championed sound fiscal analysis of the Plaza Redevelopment Project. You remarked to me, that you looked forward to working with her on the council.

Secondly, you did not call me with a request to place my name as an endorser for this campaign piece nor even show the piece to me for criticism. I would never endorse the "uncivilized" lies about Gina's political positions. You did not even allow me, the right of refusal. As a very active volunteer in Gina's campaign, I resolved that, I would not publicly endorse anyone else, even though I did momentarily support several other candidates.

I believed I could rely on his years of extensive financial expertise in project management to aid in "shaping up" and helping to work for full financial disclosure on all redevelopment projects. Larry, in your own words, you supported the "civility pledge." Why did you "flunk the final exam" on civility?

Linda Blum responds: We are responding to the foregoing letter from Linda Blum without having ever seen it. It was communicated to us over the phone at the last minute by The Journal. By the time we got through to The Journal there was only 30

minutes to respond.

Linda Blum verbally endorsed our campaign, especially emphasizing the financial accountability aspects of it on three separate occasions. The filer she seems so upset with reflects Gina Brusatori's positions before Gina seemed to reverse or equivocate on several points at the Oct. 23 candidates' night. By that time the subject filer was already published.

Linda Blum sent her letter directly to The Journal and at the last minute without ever calling me or my campaign chair for an explanation. This and several other factors give this the character of a last-minute hit-piece.

This is regrettable, since it reflects negatively on the Brusatori campaign, of which Linda Blum is an active and participating member, and their pledge to "not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate."

I am sure this can all be explained and sorted out. Unfortunately, deadline pressures from The Journal preclude this at this time. Nevertheless, until it is sorted out I want Linda Blum and Gina Brusatori to know I apologize for any inconvenience or upset this apparent gap in communications has caused. I have tried to call them to convey this, but cannot get through.

Effective leadership

In the coming election, voters have an opportunity rare in local politics — to elect for city council, a candidate of outstanding qualifications. I'm speak-

ing, of course, of Larry Damon.

He stands head and shoulders above the other candidates by virtue of his broad-based education and long-time employment with Bechtel, one of the country's premier engineering firms. Larry is bright, articulate, and is possessed of the ability to cut to the core of the problem at hand. He is also a listener, and I have seen him hang back, until others have had their say, before he comes forward with ideas of his own.

He is not a politician in the usual sense of the word. He is a man blessed with common sense who does not like what is happening in El Cerrito, and is offering his talent as a problem solver to make responsive, responsible government a reality once more.

Of all the candidates, Larry alone campaigned against the notorious Measure H and the endless \$125 indexed tax increase, and was responsible for saving the Canyon Trail Clubhouse, when the Council wanted to tear it down.

I urge readers who care about our city, to not be content with re-electing the incumbents who have brought our city to its present plight, but to vote for Larry Damon, who will move us toward good government through reasoned, effective leadership.

Robert W. Schneiker

Strength of character

On Nov. 4, I'm voting for Mark Friedman, Gina Brusatori, and Janet Abelson for City Council. All three candidates have distinguished themselves by their strength of character, calm manner, and inde-

pendent thinking. There's a strong anti-authoritarian strain among some members of the public who regularly attend council meetings. Council members have thus come to expect routine personal attacks during meetings.

Present council members Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman have resisted the temptation to return tit-for-tat, thus setting an example by their attentive and courteous manner.

Mark in the past has gotten national attention for his capable facilitation of a series of public meetings that resulted in the West Berkeley Area Plan, an important step in the revitalization of flatlands Berkeley.

Gina has distinguished herself by the receptivity to the public — she is a regular presence at community meetings all over town — eagerly discussing issues, and respectfully listening to all opinions expressed. As a banking professional she'll pay close attention to city finances.

Janet Abelson will be new on the council but she has considerable experience as a leader in local school PTAs, among the disabled community, and as a transportation activist. She recently received an award from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for her work on accessibility issues for the disabled. But civility is not so much about accomplishment as civility. Confucius defined the superior person as someone who is firm but gentle. Janet, Gina, and Mark are all gentle-mannered, good-humored and attentive to others.

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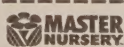
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Depending on where you live, the soils usually fall into one of three categories. The first is the heavy alluvial silt of the lowlands. This is the heavy, black, sticky stuff that we find bordering the bay. Laid down by runoff from the hills, when dry the surface cracks, leading many people to call it clay. What this soil needs is the addition of organic material to open the soil and enable the plants' roots to breathe. This organic material also helps to support the animals which move through and help to condition the soil. Yearly reapplications help to keep these critters fed.

As we move up in to the hills we begin to encounter true pockets of clay. These are found as orange, pink, or yellow lumps of even heavier, stickier stuff. This is more difficult to garden around, as it holds water for a long time when wet, but can be used to make cups and bricks when dry. Ideally these lumps should be broken up and remixed with organic material and sharp gravel. Years of proper applications of soil amendments will change the structure of this adobe to a more fertile, easier to garden soil type.

The rocky soils of the hilltops are usually mixed with clay, so even more extensive modification is necessary. Building mounds, terraces, or raised beds on leveled housing plots is beneficial.

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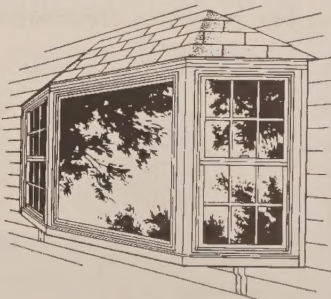
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Stark

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cost of living increase to it. The result was measure H, which failed by a three-fifths majority.

We can't afford any more such arrogance.

I want to set up new Citizens Task Forces on Services and Capital Improvements. These Task Forces must represent the spectrum of El Cerrito's political thought and the Council should adopt their recommendations as submitted, without tinkering with the results.

If the Task Forces recommend new tax measures, the Council should invite the likeliest opponents of such measures to help draw them up in order to deal with the strongest objections before they can become show-stoppers. This approach will help give all El Cerritos a sense of ownership of the problems and their solutions.

Make the Council more responsive: Because of a general failure of leadership, the Council has permitted its members to display remarkable incivility to those citizens who oppose its initiatives.

We should eliminate the 3-minute rule. It stifles debate and unreasonably limits the ability of speakers to effectively present complex issues. We should restore cable TV coverage of Council meetings for the many senior citizens who don't go out at night and many parents of young children who can't.

The Council agenda should be available at least a full day earlier than it currently is. Rather than provide the minimum legal notice for hearings and reports, the Council should strive to provide the widest practical notice.

The city staff advocates policies which originate with the City Manager. This must stop. The staff should provide analysis, but the Council should set policy. Otherwise, we might just as well hand El Cerrito over to its staff and eliminate the

Council altogether. Staff reports should always include both best-case and worst-case cost estimates to give the Council a better idea of the range of possible outcomes and allow it to make better, more realistic decisions.

In conclusion: Council members will always be targets for citizens' frustration and anger. That's just one of the prices the job exacts.

The relationship between the Council and the public is not an equal one. The Council always gets the last word, and, when all is said and done the Council gets to make the actual decisions. The Council must always be careful to lead by example, resisting the temptation to bully or steamroller the opposition. We must always be able to disagree, even strongly disagree, about issues without attacking one another's integrity or motives.

On Nov. 4, we will choose three council members. We can choose to preserve the status quo, or to break with it and select new faces, new ideas and new leadership.

I hope we decide wisely. Our future hangs in the balance.

Obituaries

McTaggart, Elmer E., Lt. Col.

Famed WWII fighter pilot, Elmer E. McTaggart died Sunday morning, October 19, 1997 in Sacramento. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Jane Abbey, his four children, Stuart, Susan, Douglas and Bruce, and 7 grandchildren. Services were held at the McClellan AFB Chapel at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 23, 1997.

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Brusatori

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sound in the short and long term for El Cerrito.

I want to build upon what I have learned on the council and focus on the following:

1) First and foremost, I want to do everything in my power to encourage the owners/developers of the El Cerrito Plaza to move quickly and show us a plan that they believe helps create a downtown El Cerrito and is fiscally responsible.

2) Second, I want to encourage a project at the Del Norte Gateway that reflects the community consensus that features retail-shopping opportunities for the local neighborhoods and transit users, housing and offices. I am not, nor have I ever been, in favor of a large movie theater development at that site. That area is already overburdened with traffic during weekday daylight hours and should not be forced to accept additional traffic in the evenings and weekends.

3) Third, I want to increase civility. I want to make it respectable to participate in community decision-making. I have consistently set an example of being respectful of others, and I want to ensure that this becomes commonplace and not the exception. My campaign and supporters represent a true cross section of the community and business

groups. Just like in my campaign, I want to bring divergent groups together and work on addressing issues of concern to achieve common goals.

I am willing to fight for the El Cerrito I grew up in by:

1) Protecting our neighborhoods while balancing the needs of local businesses

2) Eliminating the million-dollar deficit in the city budget so we can enhance city services

3) Ensuring that our parks and public libraries are safe and available for the entire community

4) Raising the standards of the El Cerrito Plaza and Del Norte Gateway projects so our community retains its own identity

5) Strengthening law enforcement so it's so safe to walk in our neighborhoods and shop in local stores

I respectfully ask for your support. Remember to vote on Nov. 4.

Damon

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I have asked for feedback from candidates, officeholders, citizens and anyone else who is interested, so they can be improved. But, they do provide us with a method for facing things the way they really are, which is critical. For if we do not do this, how can we ever hope to make them the way they should be?

Election

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Lori Dair and Mike Daley who called for a pledge of civility in early September. I believe it is through public affirmation and good old fashioned "peer pressure" that all of us, councilmembers and non-councilmembers alike, can remember to express our differing opinions firmly, yet in a manner which is polite and respectful to all parties.

As a final thought, I want to share a poem that I have tried to live by after first memorizing it for an assignment when I was at El Monte Elementary. The poem is "If" by Rudyard Kipling. Bill Henderson, a family friend and an outstanding principal in the West Contra County Unified School District who has since retired, suggested it to me at the time.

The first verse is as follows:

"If you can keep your head when all about you

Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,

But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;
— you'll be a Man, my son."

Board race broadcast

Cable subscribers can catch telecasts of the WCCUSD school board candidates night on KCRT (cable Channel 25) tonight at 10 p.m., tomorrow

at 10 a.m. and Monday at 10:30 a.m. p.m. KCRT will also carry live election Tuesday night.

Brusatori endorsements

The following organizations have endorsed Gina Brusatori in her City Council election: Sierra Club, East Bay League of Conservation Voters, El Cerrito Professional Firefighters Association, Contra Costa Central Labor Council, Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council, Service Employees Local 790, Contra Costa Local 152, Contra Costa NOW PAC, El Cerrito Democratic Club and the National Women's Political Caucus of Contra Costa.

Double duty rally

A rally for WCCUSD school board candidates Glen Price and EC council candidate Friedman is set for Saturday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 6410 Stockton Ave. at 10 a.m.

Featured speakers will be Congresswoman George Miller, state Sen. Barbara Lee, Assemblywoman Dion Arner. Following the presentations by the speakers, the assembly will break into teams to walk precincts in El Cerrito and the school district. Details: Pre-Call 525-7268 or Esther Hill, 524-3713.

And finally

For those looking for something uplifting to the election (?) Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley (1 Lawson Road in Kensington) is holding a service Sunday on "Something to Believe" an Election Sermon" led by Revs. Barbara Hamilton-Holway at 10:45 a.m.

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EC football: fumble, fumble, fumble, and win

Gauchos lost 4 fumbles, but remained atop ACCAL with romp over Kennedy.

Scott Strain

El Cerrito fumbled five times against Kennedy (Richmond) last Friday afternoon and lost four of them. The Gauchos fumbled the ball two times they had the ball and lost both of them.

happy.

"It took us longer to get started than I thought it would," he said. "We were just trying to run our basic offense, but with those fumbles, we didn't get into our rhythm."

EC (6-0-1, 5-0-1 ACCAL) will continue its march through the lower echelons of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League with a 7:30 p. m. game Friday night against Richmond.

ACCAL Football

Richmond at El Cerrito
Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.



Kennedy didn't get to El Cerrito's Isaac Phelps much Friday as the quarterback threw for 179 yards and two touchdowns.

File '97 Jeff Lindquist

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Berkeley offense kicks in, finally

By Jelani Harper

When Berkeley's football team takes on San Ramon Friday night in San Ramon, the Yellowjackets will have a few tough questions to answer.

EBAL Football

Berkeley at San Ramon
Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.

Such as: is their offense for real? After getting off to a slow start this season, the Jackets offense is finally starting to sting a little. But can their offensive line continue to stand fast and lend support to their running game?

Is Elishama Goldfarb really the best choice for quarterback?

Can Eric Turner and Booker

'I was really, really pleased to see the offensive line coming around ... That's the hardest place to work.'

—JOE MARTIN, BERKELEY COACH

Smith continue to live up to their potential as running backs?

During last Friday's game against Livermore, the Jackets answered all of these questions and more as they picked apart the Cowboys, 26-7, in an East Bay Athletic League game at home.

It was the Jackets (2-4, 1-1 EBAL) second win of the season and easily their best offensive performance.

The game was over in the first half and indeed the Jackets led, 20-0, midway through the first quarter. But unlike their sloppy victory against Oakland High earlier in the season, this time the Jackets looked good winning.

The game plan was pretty straightforward: run, run, run. And run Berkeley did, from the opening kickoff when junior defensive back Hasani Barnes returned the ball for an 80-yard touchdown. Wide receiver Ariel Herzog normally handles kickoff returns, but Barnes filled in for him because of an injury to Herzog's ankle.

This type of running game could

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Now we'll see how good St. Mary's is



File '96

Wamin Taylor, right, ran for 117 yards against Lawrence Saturday; Willie Paki Gordon (No. 12) below, rocked for 130.

Most difficult part of ACCAL schedule lies ahead for Panthers

by Scott Strain

Now it starts getting difficult for the St. Mary's High football team.

ACCAL Football
De Anza at St. Mary's
Nov. 1, 2 p.m.

Knocking off St. Lawrence Academy last Saturday in Santa Clara, the Panthers enter their 49er-like part of the schedule — three games against tough Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League opponents.

Game 1 in this three-game stretch is Saturday at 2 p.m. when St. Mary's hosts to De Anza. The Dons are coming off a good 20-12 road victory against Piedmont and have the talent to stay with the Panthers.

"They've got a lot of speed and they've got some beef up front," coach Dan Shaughnessy said of De Anza. "It is going to be one tough game."

The Panthers better get used to tough games against quality opponents, because they have still got to play Piedmont and Encinal. Those two teams may not be quite the caliber of El Cerrito, but they are good enough to cause some problems for the Panthers (5-1-1, 4-0-1 ACCAL). The Gauchos have al-

ready defeated both the Highlanders and the Jets. And EC holds the

tie break with St. Mary's.

The Panthers had little trouble with St. Lawrence, a new school that is just putting together a football program. St. Mary's rushed for 392 yards and had three running backs gain over 100 yards each. Paki Gordon had 130 yards, Kwamin Taylor had 117, and Devin Poche-West had 110.

Gordon scored two touchdowns, and Poche-West and Taylor each had one. Taylor's TD came on a 50-yard run.

Quarterback Max Slenderbrook threw for only 60 yards, but hit Jerriod Mack for a 17-yard TD.

The Panthers defense, one of the top-rated units in the East Bay, gave up only three first downs and 84 yards in total offense. It held St. Lawrence to minus-12 yards rushing.

"They were simply outmanned," Shaughnessy said. "They have some good kids, but they don't have enough of them."

Why would St. Mary's, which has an established program with a long tradition of success, play a team that is relatively new to football? Desperation, it turns out.

"We had a bye in the schedule, and we needed to fill it," Shaughnessy said. "We scheduled whoever we could."

Don't look for these two teams to play each other again soon.



Jerriod Mack caught a 17-yard TD pass vs. St. Lawrence Saturday.

'They've got a lot of speed and they've got some beef up front. It is going to be one tough game.'

—DAN SHAUGHNESSY, ST. MARY'S COACH



Jackets all banged up with injuries

An injury update for the Yellowjackets football team reads like this:

Defensive end and running back Calvin Byrd-Townes is out for probably the rest of the season with a broken hand. The sophomore's been out since the Skyline game, Berkeley's fourth game of the season.

Wide receiver and punt returner Ariel Herzog sprained his ankle in the game against Monte Vista (Oct. 17). Although the senior played limited amounts of time in the Livermore game last Friday, his status is day-to-day.

Prior to the Livermore game senior wide receiver/defensive back/punter Charles Butler broke his hand and will be out for the remainder of the season.

Finally, last week lineman Noah Moore suffered a severe hamstring pull, he is likely to be out the remainder of the season.

—Jelani Harper



Charity Harbo, left, is one of AHS' 6 seniors who could lead Cougars to state finals.

AHS' Ott: 'We can get to the state (volleyball) finals'

By Jelani Harper

It might be time to start talking dynasty. That may be just the word to describe what Konrad Ott and his Albany women's volleyball team are building. They've won the Alameda-Contra Costa League title the past four years, have made it to the North Coast Sectionals just as many times, and are regular contenders at state.

And they're showing no signs of letting up.

"I feel confident we can win our league again," exclaimed Ott. "And at this point I think it's safe to say that any team who wants to win our league has to come through us. And I know myself, and the girls are not yet willing to give that spot up."

He's right. Albany is 8-0 in league play, and boasts an overall record of 18-6. Along the way it went undefeated and won the Castro Valley Invitational tournament, took fifth in the California Challenge in San Diego, and also took fifth in the St. Mary's Invitational in Stockton.

It's not a bad record for a team which doesn't even have its own gym and has to play its home games at Berkeley High. During the summer Albany tore down its gym for earthquake safety reasons, and is currently in the process of building another one.

Surprisingly though, Albany doesn't have a team leader, a player who stands head and shoulders above the rest and whom the other players revolve around. Rather its success is based wholly on a collective, group effort with good passing and a tight defense.

"This team has really good balance," maintained Ott. "All of the players have important roles to fill and they're able to step up in big situations. There are no one or two superstars. All of the players depend on each other to get things going and they play really well as a group."

Still, Albany has a core group of six seniors who have played together for a while and are a big part of the team's success. They include Yolanda Hagar and Elizabeth Collister at middle hitter, Mia Narell and Charity Harbo at outside hitter, Maria Zupo at setter, and Lauren Mack. Many of these players play club volleyball in addition to high school ball.

The Cougars play Friday night at Piedmont at 5 p.m. Assuming they can get past Piedmont and indeed win the league, Ott has his sights set on the big time.

ACCAL playoffs are only about three weeks away, and after that awaits all the rigors of postseason play.

"I think we can get as far as the state finals," Ott said. "Last year we were just one match away and this year we've made a few adjustments so that's definitely a possibility. Our season is going really good and we're playing well right now. I'm confident that when it comes down to crunch time my team will be able to perform."

Fumble

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The Gauchos, despite losing the ball, rang up 14 points in the first quarter and then put the game away in the second period with 27 points.

Kennedy didn't score until the Gauchos had a 48-0 lead in the fourth quarter.

EC's philosophy is pretty simple: Establish the run to set up the pass.

Both weapons against the overwhelmed Eagles were potent. The Gauchos ran for 292 yards and scored for 179 for a total offense of 471 yards. Kennedy got only 131 yards.

Quarterback Isaac Phelps threw only nine passes, but completed six for 179 yards. He threw touchdown passes of 24 yards to Thomari Story and 72 yards to Dave Martin.

Running back Hartzell Swann rushed for 110 yards on just 11 carries and had scoring runs of 1, 25, and

27 yards. Marcus Parham carried only four times for and scored twice on runs of 4 yards.

All in all, it was a seasonally happy about his defense. "They were really able to shut them in," he said. Kennedy rushed 73 yards rushing and it turned over seven times.

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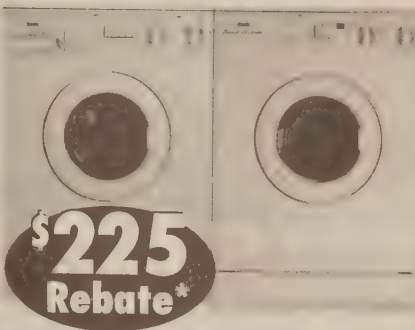
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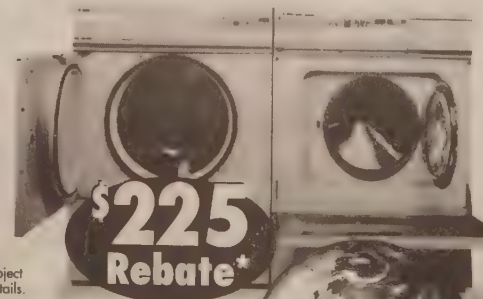
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Water polo team moves closer to NCAA berth

The Cal men's water polo team took another key step in its bid for an NCAA berth with two Mountain Pacific Sports Federation victories last weekend in Los Angeles. The Bears (15-4, 6-1 MPSF) defeated No. 6 UC Irvine, 7-1, and No. 5 and defending national champion UCLA, 9-8 in overtime at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center.

The Bears have only one more conference match, a home contest Nov. 6 vs. UC Santa Barbara. If Cal can defeat the Gauchos, it would assure itself no worse than a No. 2 seeding in the MPSF Tournament Nov. 27-30 in Long Beach. The winners are an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship Dec. 5-7 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

In the victory over Irvine, seven different players scored for the Bears. Junior goalie Peter Kiefer had 10 saves. Cal had jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first period and cruised the rest of the match, only allowing the Anteaters to score a goal in the fourth period.

Against UCLA, the Bears fell behind, 4-1, at halftime, but came back scoring seven goals in the second half. Going into the fourth period, the Bears held a 7-5 lead until Cal captain Brent Albright nailed a two-point shot to tie the score at 7-7. Both teams were able to score one more goal before regulation for the 8-8 tie.

Albright was able to lead the Bears in overtime, making a four-minute penalty shot in the first three-minute overtime period.

Cal next hosts UC Davis at 9 a.m. and Air Force at 12 p.m., Saturday at the Pacific Valley College in Pleasant Hill. The Bears will then take on UCLA at 12 p.m. Sunday at DVC.

Women's swim team 2-0 in Reno

The Cal women's swim team improved to 2-0 with a 164-136 dual meet victory Saturday at Nevada. The Bears won eight individual events in Reno, including three by sophomore

Elli Overton and two by freshman Hanna Jaltner. Overton, a '92 and '96 Olympian from Australia, captured the 100 back (56.26), 500 free (5:01.07) and 200 IM (2:06.16). Jaltner, a newcomer who competed in the '96 Atlanta Olympics for Sweden, placed first 100 (1:03.32) and 200 breast (2:23.10).

Other winners for Cal included junior Marylyn Chiang in the 100 fly (56.06), junior Kristin Imwalle in the 1,000 free (10:41.28) and sophomore Waen Minphraph in the 200 fly (2:03.93).

The Bears next competition is a three-way meet vs. Washington, Washington State and Oregon State, this Friday and Saturday in Seattle.

Men vs. Longhorns in S.F.

The Cal men's swim team will have a big dual meet this weekend against Texas at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Koret Center in San Francisco. The Longhorns, who finished fourth in the nation last season, features senior Neil Walker, the '97 NCAA Swimmer of the Year and NCAA record-holder in the 50 free (19.08) and 100 back (44.92).

Cal opened the season by winning 10 relay events at the Pacific Invitational Oct. 17-18. Individually, senior captain Bart Sikora placed first in the 200 back (1:48.73) and sophomore Bart Kizierowski captured the 200 free (1:40.22).

The Bears will be hosting all their home meets at the Koret Center due to the construction on Haas Pavilion.

Men's soccer team splits

The Cal men's soccer team split two matches last week. The Bears (9-5-1, 2-2 MPSF) opened the Cal-State Fullerton Invitational with a 1-0 upset loss to UC Irvine. The Anteaters' Robert Melendez kicked in a loose ball that had bounced off Cal goalkeeper Doug Brooks Friday night.

On Sunday, the Bears rebounded to take care of the hosts, 4-0. Four Cal players scored in the one-sided affair. Sophomore J.V. Ganal had a wide open net for the game's opening goal after freshman Ramiro Arendondo's shot bounced off of the Titans' goalkeeper. Freshman Kendall Simmonds followed up late in the first half

with a header off a throw-in by sophomore Doug Judy.

Cal's two shots in the second half were both goals by junior Raul Ornelas and senior Adam Hunter. Brooks recorded his seventh shutout of the season. The Bears will host the California Classic this weekend.

Women get 1st conference win

The women's soccer team broke a three-game losing streak and in the process got its first conference wins of the season as the Bears (7-7-1, 2-3 Pac-10) shut out both Washington, 2-0, and Washington State, 1-0, last weekend at Witter Field.

Cal sophomore keeper Jill Stephenson kept the Huskies scoreless for the first time in 11 matches this season and the Bears registered a goal in each half—Mary Oades in the first and Gretchen Vanderlip in the second—in Friday's victory.

Stephenson made it two-in-a-row with her fourth shutout of the year as Cal over the Cougars in their final home match on Sunday. Freshman Natal Stuhlmueller scored the game's only goal, her third of the season, only three minutes into the second half to seal the victory.

The Bears return to action Friday, when they travel to Eugene, Ore., to take on Oregon. Cal will complete the trip vs. Oregon State in Corvallis, Sunday.

Field hockey team gets 2 shutouts

The Cal field hockey team won two matches last weekend on Kleeberger Field. The Bears (7-8 overall, 2-1 NorPac) recorded a 2-0 shutout of Pacific Saturday. Sophomore Kelli Mirassou had the game-winning goal, while senior Elke Popp followed with an insurance goal nine minutes later. Senior goalkeeper Karen Hagen recorded her sixth shutout of the season.

The Bears also defeated Simon Fraser Friday, 2-0. Cal returns to action this Saturday in its last conference matchup against NorPac leader Stanford on the road.

Cal's DE duo will try to keep Bears out of cellar

By Scott Strain

"Losing 101" is a course that isn't taught at De La Salle High School. Nor is "Losing Big 102." Losing is just not acknowledged at the Concord school.

So as the Spartans attempt to tie the national record for consecutive victories on Friday, De La Salle football alumni who have moved on to college the past few years have no knowledge of losses—and big losses. Some of them have had to receive on-the-job training.

This has happened to sophomore Cal defensive end Mawuko Tugbenyoh. He has had to learn to lose.

"This isn't easy," said Tugbenyoh, who will start at defensive end for the Golden Bears when they take on Oregon State Saturday at Memorial Stadium at 12:30 p.m. "But all the guys are hanging together, trying to improve and win a game."

"Most of us have come from winning programs so we haven't experienced a lot of losses. It happens but you never like it. And you never want to get used to it."

Bears coach Tom Holmoe stressed that his team should win Saturday's game—the battle for the Pac-10 cellar—after getting poleaxed by three ranked opponents in a row.

Tugbenyoh feels a little of the pressure, but doesn't feel that this game will decide which team is the worst in the Pac-10.

"We don't want to go into this

game with that attitude," he said. "This is not about what team is worse than the other. It is about us, and getting a chance to win a game at home."

Tugbenyoh made the transition from linebacker to defensive end during spring drills. Rather smallish for a defensive end at 6-foot-1 and 225-pounds, he relies on quickness and a natural instinct for the ball that belies his size. He

tem. "I know when I go in, I'll play hard and when Johnny Mack (McLaughlin) goes in, he'll play hard. The way I see it, it is beneficial because we're both players who play the same way—we use speed and quickness."

"We're not as big as we should be, but we have a lot of things that we can do. We're basically like a one-two punch. I come in, it's like 'let's go.' He comes in, and he'll wear 'em down some. I come back in, and all the other guy is going to see is quickness all day. He doesn't know what is going to happen."

The Cal defense can't use its old tapes against the Beavers' offense. New coach Mike Reilly has junked the heavy emphasis on running in favor of a more traditional offense. In the Pac-10, that means more passing.

It appears to be working: Oregon State is 3-4 (0-4 Pac-10), but its losses, with the exception of the ones to UCLA (34-10) and Washington (45-17) have not been blowouts. After last year (2-9, 1-7 in the Pac-10), OSU followers are positively giddy at the team's success.

"No one thought we'd have a chance to be 4-4 this late in the season," Reilly said. "If we could have that record, it would be great."

Tugbenyoh & Johnny Mack will try and see that doesn't happen.

'Most of us have come from winning programs so we haven't experienced a lot of losses. It happens but you never like it.'
—MAWUKO TUGBENYOH, CAL DE

also has tremendous strength, and even that will increase as he becomes more accustomed to the position.

Even though he'll get the start Saturday, he'll also split playing time with 6-4, 235-pound junior John McLaughlin. Right now, it's five plays in, five plays out for both players. It'll keep both of them fresh.

"I have no problem with that," Tugbenyoh said of the platoon sys-

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Oregon State at Cal
Nov. 1, 12:30 p.m.

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have been successful without strong offensive line, much to Joe Martin's delight.

"I was really, really pleased to see the offensive line coming around," remarked Martin. "That was a priority for us, the development of the sophomores and juniors on the O-line. That's the hard place to work."

Goldfarb led the Jackets at QB, in only his second start of the season.

"I thought Goldfarb really handled himself well, and I think he's really developing out there," said Martin. "He's starting to get his respect as a quarterback."

Goldfarb's job was easy during the Livermore game. He mostly fed Turner and Smith and watched them run. Smith had two TDs on

1- and 13-yard runs, but the majority of the yards gained were split evenly between he and Smith.

Perhaps the most disheartening thing about Berkeley's win though, was the injury to lineman Noah Moore, who had to be carried off the field on a stretcher with a hamstring pull. Moore is just the latest casualty in a long line of Berkeley injuries (see related story).

"That was really sad about Noah," said Martin. "Because last Monday we started Charles Butler going both ways for us for the first time, and he broke his hand on Wednesday. Noah came in today to start for us at linebacker both ways for the first time and he goes down. So we lost two kids who would've been both way starters—that's four positions we lost this week. So that really hurt us."

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Chamber mixer at Sumitomo Bank

The annual mixer held at Sumitomo Bank is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., 1451 Solano Ave. Hosts will be Sumitomo Bank, Solano Avenue Pharmacy, Magic Garlic and the Albany Chamber of Commerce. All businesses, their associates and friends are invited to exchange business cards and do "business after business." There is no admission fee and there will be a no-host bar. Door prizes will be provided by the sponsors. Phone 525-1771 for RSVP's and information.

It's twins

A celebration for the birth of three grandchildren, a twin girls and a boy, born into Gus and Hilda Luty's family in September, was held at the Albany Senior Center, with 50 family members and friends attending.

The twin girls were born Labor Day to parents Andy and Sheley Luty. Madison weighed five pounds, five ounces, and Kennedy's birth weight was six pounds, 12 ounces. Charles and Julita Luty's son, Jared, was born Sept. 17, weighing six pounds. Gus and Hilda now have 10 grandchildren.

Sons John and Allen and his wife Peggy, make their home in Modesto, while Charlie and Cindy live near Albany.

Gus's sister, Gloria Hughes travelled from Lake of the Pines for the celebration, as did close friends Jake and Pat Coey, who came from Penn Valley.

The Luty's moved to Albany in 1963 from Germany where their first three sons were born. The youngest, Andy, was born here. The sons attended Albany schools. Allen, John and Andy are working law enforcement and Charles is teaching school.

Solano Copy Center ninth anniversary

Father and daughter Louie and Anna Jauregui of the Solano copy Center, invite all to their ninth anniversary and new location celebration sale, extending through

November. Free parking is available. One should show this article to the staff at the store at 1185 Solano Ave. for a 10 percent discount on services and supplies. This is a family owned, state-of-the-art business support center, where the staff is knowledgeable, friendly and extends personalized service.

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Post 292 sponsors Frank Knapp Dinner Dance

The annual Frank Knapp Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Veterans' Building, according to American Legion Post 292 financial officer, Keith Truax.

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



He promises Bobby Thompson and his country western band for great dancing and listening, door prizes and a giant raffle with all cash prizes.

The dinner menu includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, roast beef au jus, baked potato, vegetables, dinner rolls and dessert.

Truax believes this benefit is close to its 40th year, started by Frank Knapp in their place of business on San Pablo Avenue. Proceeds go to the Veteran's hospitals and nursing homes. Cost is \$10 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations must be made by

Wednesday, Nov. 12, by calling Truax at 526-4487, Ian Ball, 525-5230, or Sam Turner, 526-0837.

Snippets Crickets special haircuts

Pick up a coupon for a \$2 discount off one haircut for children, and moms and dads, too, at the Albany Chamber of Commerce. For Snippets Crickets Haircuts, located at 1753 Solano Ave. Snippets Crickets is more than a haircutting salon, as they offer children's jewelry, toys and clothes you cannot find in a department store.

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Father and daughter Louie and Anna Jauregui of Solano Copy Center

week. Call 527-3987.

Berkeley Chamber Crush Festival

A wine and food extravaganza clearly describes the Berkeley Chamber's Third Annual Crush Festival, to be held Sunday, Nov. 9 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Berkeley Marina Marriott Hotel.

Guest host will be Alice Waters, the acclaimed restaurateur and

owner of the world renowned Panisse Restaurant. Alice Waters' "Edible Schoolyard" project at Martin Luther King Middle School This project educates young people into "food consciousness" by instructing them in cultivating, preparing, serving and eating their own food.

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Albany PTA Council News

Belinda Lum

There is no school on Friday, Nov. 7 because of Staff Development.

There is no school on the following Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 10 and 11 because of local holiday and Martin Luther King Day.

PTA meetings

AMS meets Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in the AMS library. Following the meeting, a board meeting will be held. A workshop on college investment planning will be held.

AMS meets Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the AMS library.

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El Cerrito

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On Oct. 15 in the Wells Fargo parking lot, someone upset over a parking space kicked an Oakland car, causing minimal damage.

On Oct. 15, a bicycle located in the parking area of Jack-in-the-Box was stolen by a juvenile, who was caught by police.

On Oct. 13, someone broke into a 1981 Buick Regal, removed the portable stereo and attempted unsuccessfully to take the vehicle by breaking the steering column.

On Oct. 16, someone broke into a '94 Honda Civic on the 10600 block of San Pablo and removed a car stereo face plate. Between Oct. 16 and 17, someone attempted unsuccessfully to enter an '87 Chevy Astro Van parked on the 6800 block of Glen Mar-

meets Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Cornell multi-use room.

Special interest meetings

• AHS site council meets Monday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the AHS Library.

• Parent/Superintendent Council meets Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the district office, 904 Talbot.

Events/fund-raisers

• AMS announces a fund-raiser with Cody's Books. Save your receipts from purchases made on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22 and 23 and give them to the AMS PTA. Cody's will contribute 20 percent of the sales to Albany Middle School. The bookstores are located at 2454 Telegraph Ave. and 1740 Fourth St.

Richmond High School Candidates' night

The WCCUSD, in partnership with the American Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, and the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), has organized 5 candidates' nights for candidates seeking to be elected to the WCCUSD school board.

The last one will be held at Richmond High School tonight, Thursday, October 30, at 7 p.m. Can't make it in person? You can catch the action live on the radio on KECG, 88.1 FM.

Martin Luther King School Increases the Peace

On Friday, November 7, 1997, the students at Martin Luther King

School will have the third assembly for the "Increase the Peace" program. Qualifying students will receive the "Ambassadors for Peace" Award. The Prescott Speakers from Prescott School in West Oakland will be the school's special guests. Martin Luther King School has pinned 119 students since May and its goal is to pin every student at the school.

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West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Forum on aging parent care issues

Joann Nelson, an Albany geriatric specialist, will discuss the care of aging parents, as well as important issues like wills, estate planning and finances in a free, two-hour class, at the Albany Senior Center on Monday, Nov. 3.

The class, sponsored by the Pleasant Valley Adult School begins at 7 p.m., and will focus on normal aging, strokes, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, psychiatric illnesses and placement issues. This class is appropriate for seniors. Call 524-9122 for more information.

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• A bike was taken from the 5500 block of Everett between Oct. 16 and 17.

• A suspect entered Long's Drugs on Oct. 17 and hid a Halloween mask down the front of his pants, exiting the store without paying for the item.

• On Oct. 16, on the 6800 block of Central Ave. at 2:15 a.m., someone broke the windshield of an '81 Honda Civic with a baseball

bat.

• Between Oct. 15 and 16, someone pried open the door of an '81 Honda Civic, while it was parked on the 900 block of Everett St., and stole cash.

• On Oct. 14 on the 1800 block of Peerless, the door lock of a '90 Ford Tempo was forced open and the stereo removed.

• On Oct. 17, an '80 Cadillac El Dorado was stolen from the 1700

block of Ganges Ave.

• On Oct. 17, someone dented the fender and smashed the window of a '94 Honda Civic while it was parked on the 5900 block of Huber.

• A Crockett resident saw two people get out of a car and smash the window of an '81 Datsun parked on San Pablo near Cutting on Oct. 17. The witness, however, could not identify the suspects.

• On the 700 block of Seaview

on Oct. 8, a '91 Toyota Camry was broken into and property was stolen.

• On Oct. 18, two men were found to be in possession of marijuana for sale when pulled over on San Pablo and Cutting. The driver was also driving under the influence of alcohol.

• A Berkeley man operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol was pulled over on San Pablo and Central on Oct. 14.

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enabling the incumbents to spend thousands of dollars on a consulting firm to help manage their campaigns. The professional influence shows in their signs and their campaign literature.

Brusatori said she is motivated by more than a desire for a council seat — she wants to earn more votes than any other candidate.

Having been appointed to the council in September 1996 by the current administration, she said other council members have denied her the level of respect given to members who were elected to the post. By topping the vote count, Brusatori said, she hopes to prove her worth to the council.

"I have a competitive streak in me," Brusatori said. "I want to show the other folks in the council, 'Don't mess with me.'"

Friedman was also appointed midterm, after a failed run for state Assembly. While his Assembly campaign did not result in election, it did supply him with a solid base of financial backers throughout the Bay Area. Friedman has enough money to run an expensive campaign—more money, in fact, than he has chosen to spend. He has \$4,128 still sitting in his campaign account.

Larry Damon's printed signs have also appeared around El Cerrito, but rarely on the same lawns as those of Brusatori and Friedman. Damon has loaned himself \$4,100 and received just over \$2,000 in contributions, making it a point to accept money only from El Cerrito residents.

"I won't accept contributions from outside El Cerrito," he said. "If I have to go into pocket to remain independent from outside interests, then I'm going to go into pocket."

Damon credited the community supporters who have worked on his campaign and held a rally at the home of Peter and Rosemary Loubal on Oct. 19. "I didn't realize it would be this expensive, but I have a tremendous organization behind me, because they want to see change," Damon said.

Janet Abelson said she never wanted to run a "fancy, slick" campaign. In a city as small as El Cerrito, she said, it should not be expensive to run for city council.

"I've got enough money to do the basic things I've wanted to do," she said. "This is the kind of campaign I would like to see run in El Cerrito."

Thom Stark, who ran for the council two years ago, had received \$1,300 in monetary contributions, which brought his campaign budget up to almost \$2,000, part of which he has spent on sturdy, wooden signs. Without big money to balance out Friedman and Brusatori's poster and literature blitz, Stark said there should have been half a dozen events to introduce the candidates, one in every major neighborhood so that the public could conveniently attend. He also said cable broadcasts of the candidate's forums should have aired in the evenings and not at noon.

J.-J. Diliberto listed \$75 as an expense for using his father's printer. This is the extent of his campaign financing.

Endorsements

Soon after the candidates filed for election, they were bombarded with mail from would-be endorsers asking them to apply. If candidates chose, they could go through an application and interview process to pursue endorsements. Some groups require official endorsements before they will donate to a candidate's campaign. Some groups have limiting prerequisites that make only certain candidates eligible for their endorsement.

According to Brusatori, there are little known facts about the endorsement process. She and Friedman share a number of official supporters, including the El Cerrito Democratic Club and the Sierra Club. The El Cerrito Professional Firefighters' Association and three labor unions support the two officeholders and

Abelson as well.

However, the Democratic Club is restricted by the county Democratic Central Committee, which only allows the club to officially endorse registered Democrats. Although all six candidates participated in a forum that took place immediately before the endorsement vote, only three were eligible: Brusatori, Friedman and Diliberto. Falling short of the required 60 percent approval, Diliberto did not receive the endorsement.

Stark, meanwhile, said ability matters more than seals of approval. "Are you voting for endorsements or are you voting for leadership?" Stark asked. "Real leaders bring people together. They seek solutions that have the widest possible endorsement and that satisfy the needs of the greatest number of citizens, rather than catering to the desires of special interest groups."

Stark has chosen not to declare allegiance to any political party. He was invited to participate with Republicans Abelson and Damon at a dinner for local Republicans held Friday night.

Damon, who is also critical of endorsing, said, "At this level of politics, I don't know that party affiliation really counts." He applied for, but did not receive, the Sierra Club's endorsement.

"There's a clique of people that have had real control of the council, to the point where they are self-endorsing, and it's self-perpetuating," Damon said. "What I want to do is break that self-perpetuating cycle, open things up, and squarely face the problems we've got."

Damon was concerned when some residents told him firefighters had phoned them asking their support for Brusatori, Friedman and Abelson.

Capt. David Gibson said firefighters have been phoning banking on Wednesday evenings from their union headquarters in Martinez and not from the firehouse. The department itself "would never engage in that kind of thing," he said.

Qualifications

While having worked on the council gives Brusatori and Friedman the advantage of experience in office, both said they have mixed feelings about being labeled "incumbents." On one hand, the term draws attention to their experience in dealing with pertinent issues and people. On the other hand, the two are reluctant to be tied to a city council many voters view critically.

Friedman and Brusatori are quick to point out that, although they were appointed to their positions by current council members, they have disagreed with them on many key issues.

"Mark and I have disappointed them greatly," Brusatori said. "They did not anticipate appointing people who were going to vote against them. We are the fresh faces. We are often the short of the two-to-three vote."

Friedman said he and Brusatori voted against renegotiation with the developer at Del Norte Place and that neither of them supported the 20-screen megatheater proposal for Del Norte BART. Friedman also voted against vacation of streets for the PDG project across San Pablo Avenue from the station.

When Mae Ritz left the council in April, Friedman was appointed to take her seat over Abelson. Diliberto and Stark, who had also applied for the position.

Abelson said she values her experience on PTA and transportation boards and championing the rights of the disabled. While her efforts in those arenas are respected, citizens have questioned the applicability of her experience to a job on the city council.

She is not one of the candidates who, like Stark and Damon, actively participated in council meetings before deciding to run. She did not even think about running for office until a group of supporters — whom she refuses to name — pushed her to pursue the position.

But Abelson says becoming a council member is a natural extension

of her concern for El Cerrito. She said her prior experiences afforded her the opportunity to work with people to accomplish what they set out to do.

Diliberto, who has a Ph.D. in small-group/organizational communication, said his strong ability to analyze data would serve him well on the council.

Stark said he would bring his acumen as a businessman to the council. He spent 10 weeks on the citizen's task force on services and finance last year. "We went back and forth with hammer and tongs, covered innumerable spreadsheets, and eventually I helped bring the two sides together on a \$75 figure," Stark said, referring to the task force's recommendation to the city council. Stark has been an avid council watcher, having attended, by his count, roughly 90 council meetings in the past four years. "No other candidate can claim that," Stark said.

Damon said that if you want to support the status quo, vote for Friedman, Brusatori and Abelson, but if you want change, "vote for me and Thom." As a candidate not appointed by the current council, he said his independence and qualifications make him more suited to the job.

"I had an opportunity to work with Westinghouse in taking over management of the government's Savannah River Laboratories in South Carolina," he said. "It required a technology transition program. Nobody had ever done this before. So they got me, and I went down to Savannah River, and I did it."

Contention

A recent *West County Times* article identified tension between council members and citizens as the number one issue in the council race. With heated encounters between speakers and council members at every meeting, there is no doubt that animosity impedes the flow of council business. But some candidates question whether the focus on contention is distracting voters from more important issues.

Stark said conflict has arisen because "our council has favored creating the appearance of consensus over the substance of consensus." He claimed the outcomes of community task forces have been predetermined to reach conclusions the council has wanted them to reach.

"With citizens being given the opportunity to speak and move little squares around on a map, that somehow is used to bless the council's viewpoint that the process was set up to endorse to begin with," Stark said. He said the cure for conflict is about having the council really listen to citizens.

Addressing his well-known and disputatious relationship with Councilmember Norman LaForce, Stark said, "Norman and I will come to an agreement, and if it doesn't work out, it will not be for lack of my trying."

The issue of contention is "a very sophisticated campaign tactic," Damon said. "The idea being that anybody who advocates change is contentious, and anybody who holds them to their record is uncivil. The council meetings are a spirited exchange. They have characterized things in that way to suppress accountability."

"I think everybody wants to do the right thing. But we need to back them away from the points of contention and bring everybody to agreement in terms of principal," Damon said.

Diliberto said the attitude on the council is to listen to citizens but not to accommodate their requests. "It's much more of a headache to represent everyone, but that's what I would prefer to do."

Brusatori, Friedman and Abelson tout their abilities to work in situations where personality conflicts are a problem. Brusatori and Friedman use their history with the current council to demonstrate their peace-making abilities. Friedman, in particular, has a reputation for easing tension at task force and council meetings. And Abelson says her experience dealing with transportation boards qualifies her to overcome personality disputes.

Citing Friedman and Brusatori's similar approaches to tense encounters, Abelson said the three would work together well on the council.

"We have a more reasonable approach to things and don't attack," she said. "We will listen before making up our minds instead of attacking, screaming and yelling."



Bill Mann

The Market and Other Scary Things: The early Halloween scare earlier this week was a plus-point market drop. OK, some of us. The whiz had just bought some Intel at 87 and there was a regular Warren Buffet. Then it dropped on Monday. The next morning, it dropped to 69, and while I was pondering whether to buy more, the way we Wall Street cognoscenti refer to Intel, it back up to 80.

During a market correction of this magnitude (8.0), KCBS Radio is usually the place to turn to. Just a few days before Monday's big drop, the station anointed veteran news anchor Bob Price as Financial Editor, replacing the venerable, just-retired Don Wiegand. The Price was right (Sorry, I helped myself) for the job. But Price was on vacation Monday and Tuesday and missed covering the big story. Talk about bad market timing!

Meanwhile, one young reporter on a local TV station I won't name (hint: its initials are K-P-I) running around early Tuesday morning at the asking floor traders questions like, "Everybody avoiding the word 'crash.' What do you think?" Hoped-for response: "I think you should be doing stories on oil-covered marine mammals." First, before The Best Place on Earth for News, let viewers know a thing about the ongoing financial story Tuesday at 5 a.m. — i.e., how the Hong Kong and other markets did overnight — it was "Worse Than First" ... with ... ta da ... **Roberta Gonzales**, TV's shameless mugger this side of **Richard Simmons**. Possible future Channel 5 newscast intro: "We'll you know about that disastrous 8.3 quake here overnight after Roberta lets us know if you'll be needing that umbrella today." Skip to Malibu. Meanwhile, over on KRON Tuesday at 5 a.m., the latest traffic reporter to be proclaimed a news anchor the undeniably telegraphic if badly in-need-of-a-Malibu Nubia, was reading a script in her usual tentative manner. At 5 a.m. with a big market correction story in progress, I do NOT want to be choose between a Roberta or a Malou.

I eventually switched to CNN, which superimposed the Dow and NASDAQ running averages over live coverage of that other "big story," the (non-Franz) Drescher) nanny's trial. Would the trial's outcome all wondered, affect world financial markets? But market quickly shot up again Tuesday, forestalling chance of seeing out-of-work Yuppie stockbroker on the street selling kiwi fruit.

Sweeping Together Again: The infamous November rating sweeps are now underway. If you want to watch something really scary this weekend, check what ABC/Disney has done with "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" Sunday night on KGO. **Whitney Houston**, **Brandy** and **Whoopi Goldberg**, my heart. This is pure Disney school. Not even **Jason Alexander** can salvage this multicolored mess ... And not even the offbeat, talented **Adrian Pasdar** (of Fox's lamented "Profil") can rescue the godawful "House of Frankenstein 1997" Sunday night. It's a ridiculous mishmash of rubber-suited vampires, werewolves, and the Frankenstein monster — the even rides a bus in L.A. Talk about far-fetched...nobody rides the bus in L.A. (And it's because of skulls with staples in their heads...) ...

Don't-Miss TV: I've seen all four hours of **Kermit the Frog**'s magnificent "Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery," (airing on KQED next Tuesday and Wednesday), and it may be Burns' masterwork. His "Thomas Jefferson" was first-class, was "The West," and, of course, "The Civil War." "Baseball" was about 15 innings (hours) too long.

But here, Burns has almost no visuals at all to go with — there are few images of the intrepid explorers or their party. So Burns retraced the explorers' two-year voyage that started in 1804 in St. Louis. The cinematography here is magnificent. Burns wanted to put viewers in the explorers' shoes, and he does: Not once in the four hours do you ever see a cow, a house, or even a road, which is remarkable. It is the story of this expedition; amazingly, only the 33 party members died. "These guys are the genuine item," says historian **Stephen Ambrose**. "They were genuine heroes. They discovered America's future." He adds: "When the astronomer went to the moon, they knew what to expect. Lewis and Clark didn't have the slightest idea." After watching this magnificent and inspiring series, I almost guarantee you'll want to read everything you can get your hands on about this historic adventure.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: I'm heartbroken about **Bernie "The Bullhorn" Ward** and **Chris "The Grinder" Clarke** leaving KGO Radio, aren't you? OK, I'm kidding. That was the essence of an e-mail got from one KGO staffer this week — one I agree with. The talk station's better off without this twosome ... You may have noticed KRON is again running the wonderful kids' show it produced from 1979-87 on Saturday mornings, "Buster and Meg." **Robin Goodrow**, the human on the puppet show, called the other day to tell me that another of her creations is now running, "Bingo and Molly," one which she doesn't appear on camera. Goodrow now also does the puppets' voices on the show, which airs weekdays at 6:30 a.m. on cable's Learning Channel. Goodrow now lives in Rohnert Park. The story is an inspiring one: She's overcome a devastating series of health problems in the 1980's to work again — including a bad fall and two auto accidents — this week's so-called "Black Monday" reminder of a funny piece the old National Lampoon ran in the early '70s, when it was easily the funniest thing around. (I still remember the motto on Page One of their classic Sunday newspaper parody: "Patronize advertisers — and they'll be sure to do the same to you.") The financial article gave readers helpful tips on how to start a bank run. My favorite: Step up to a teller's window and yell loudly enough so that every customer in the bank can hear: "Office furniture! I don't want any damned office furniture. I want my money!" Hey ... I gotcha multiplier effect right?



Martin Snapp

The Whole World Was Watching: I'm celebrating an anniversary of sorts. It was 30 years ago that I first came to Berkeley and enrolled as a first-year student at Boalt Hall.

It was the result of a standoff between me and my father. He wanted me to be a lawyer. I wanted to move to Berkeley and raise hell. So we compromised, and I went to Boalt.

The law school administration did their best to keep us students insulated from the political turmoil that was sweeping the rest of the campus. They purposely scheduled first-year classes at noontime, to discourage us from attending the noon rallies on Sproul steps.

But it was like trying to hold back the tide. My first week of classes at Boalt coincided with Stop The Draft Week, a series of sit-ins at the old Oakland Induction Center on Harrison Street.

Now, I knew even then that this was the kind of thing that had attracted me to Berkeley in the first place. But this was 1967, and I was still timid about taking the first step. So I joined a group of law students who were supposed to act as "monitors," to make sure neither side got out of line.

It wasn't hard to tell us from the others in the crowd: They were wearing tie-dies, we were in coats and ties. And we wore armbands with a picture of an eye, signifying, I suppose, that we were keeping an eye on things.

In short, they were hip and we were square (or, if you prefer, nerds).

My carefully-preserved middle-class detachment lasted for all of about 15 seconds. Then the cops charged and started beating everyone up. (The *San Francisco Chronicle* account at the time said, "their hard wooden sticks mechanically flailed up and down, like peasants mowing down wheat.")

That did it for me. I yanked off my tie, tore off the armband, and started doing what everyone else was doing: playing tag with the Blue Meanies.

It was so idealistic. It was so virtuous. Heck, if truth be told, it was so much fun.

It was the first time I ever did something that I knew my parents would be ashamed of. And I loved it.

In short, it was the defining moment of my life, the moment when I decided to set a different course — for better and for worse — than the one my parents had mapped out for me.

At the time, it felt like the first grown-up thing I ever did. Looking back now, 30 years later, of course, I can see that it actually led to a lot of childish acting-out.

And that was the paradox for many of us who were in the anti-war movement: We were trying to change public policy and have an identity crisis, both at the same time.

And that led to a lot of counterproductive tactics, like burning flags, which alienated the very people we claimed we wanted to convert — ordinary working Americans.

You can find documentation of that mindset in Reese Erlich's beautiful evocation of that era in the most recent issue of *The Monthly*. Erlich was one of seven people who were indicted (and ultimately acquitted) for conspiracy in the aftermath of Stop The Draft Week, and he says that at the time there was a lot of debate about whether or not to keep the demonstrations non-violent.

"We militants argued...that [nonviolence] would turn off working people, who we figured would respect us more if we were willing to defend ourselves," he writes.

Of course, it turned out to be the exact opposite. For all our chants of "The whole world is watching," the demagogues like Nixon, Wallace and Reagan understood how we came across on TV better than we did.

We looked scary, plain and simple. We looked scruffy and smelly and possessed of a particularly unappealing combination of smug self-righteousness and an in-your-face desire to shock.

Compared to us, even Nixon looked good.

Understand, I'm not saying we were wrong to oppose the war. Looking back with the perspective of three decades, it's even more obvious now than it was then that the Vietnam war was a pointless, bloody travesty that should never have been fought.

And the guys who lied their way into it — like Rusk and MacNamara and LBJ — seem even worse to me now than they did then.

What I am saying is that I wish we'd done a better job. While we were acting out our cops-and-robbers fantasies, 55,000 Americans and God knows how many Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians were being fed into the meatgrinder.

Stacked up against all those bodies, would it have been asking too much to get a shave and a haircut, if that's what it took to win the hearts and minds of the American people?

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in *The Journal*. Write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingue Ave., Berkeley 94705, phone (510) 273-9039, or e-mail Catman1@creative.net

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CURB APPEAL

GAYLE TANTAU

As we change, we stay just the same

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Then, in May of this year, Mason-McDuffie Real Estate acquired JT Ward Realtors. I feared my "second home" would change drastically and upset my life.

Things have certainly changed. I have gradually adjusted to having more agents scurrying around, a larger management team and many new procedures to learn.

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Then, in August, it was announced that Mason-McDuffie was going to be affiliated with Prudential of California, a national

company. I was stunned by the news; the ink on my new business cards was barely dry.

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Gayle Tantau is a Realtor and Marketing Specialist with Mason-McDuffie in Berkeley. You can reach her at 845-6021.

This is a raid!



This Montclair home features much more than six bedrooms and five and one-half baths, elaborate bar acts were once performed in the sun room.

Men from the Alameda County district attorney's office watched for hours as guests came and went. But these were no ordinary callers; they were visiting what the March 13, 1930 edition of The Oakland Tribune called the "alleged bootleg mansion at 6666 Sims Drive...in the exclusive

Montclair district on the Oakland-Piedmont border."

When the raiders stormed the "residence" — without informing the Oakland Police Department — scenes of wild excitement ensued as, according to the Tribune, men and women tried to escape but, alas, the place was surrounded.

An out-of-towner, Tom "Chub" Turner of Emeryville, the "home's" alleged owner was taken into custody and charged with violating the state's prohibition laws and maintaining a nuisance. The bartender, Arthur "Bob" White was also taken into custody and

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We have continued to hear for

several months now about the "Goldilocks" state of the economy—not too fast, not too slow, just right. But that does not mean your personal employment situation is just right in your eyes.

Direct rollover transfer. With a direct rollover transfer your employer sends the full amount of your account balance directly to your choice of financial institu-

tion: a broker firm or bank or your new employer's retirement plan without being subject to taxes or penalties.

Remember, you do have choices on how you receive your lump sum distributions.

Indirect rollover. If you choose an indirect rollover, your current employer pays your retirement plan money directly to you. In doing so, your employer must withhold 20 percent for federal income taxes. You then have 60 days to deposit all or part of

let's say you had a \$100,000 balance in your retirement plan, and you elect to have an indirect rollover. Your employer must withhold \$20,000 (20 percent of your balance) for tax purposes, leaving you with just \$80,000.

To complete a full rollover of \$100,000, you would need to come up with an additional \$20,000 from your other funds. If you do not, the withheld \$20,000 will be taxed

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and may also be subject to the 10 percent IRS penalty.

If you do come up with the additional \$20,000, you will not owe any additional tax, but you will temporarily lose the use of the replacement money until you can determine your tax liability on your next return.

If you put any money on which you have already paid taxes into your employer's plan, that money is not eligible for a rollover because it is already been taxed. When this money is paid to you, you do not need to pay current taxes on it. However, any earnings that these contributions generated while in the plan are considered taxable income and may be rolled over.

Remember, you do have choices on how you receive your lump sum distributions. Your investment professional can help you determine how you can "roll over" the complexities of this situation.

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Rates steady; news may send them up

On Oct. 23 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage remained stable rising just a single basis point from last week's average of 7.34 percent to 7.35 percent.

In the third week of October 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 7.86 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) remained unchanged from last week's average of 5.55 percent.

A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.57 percent.

Like the 30-year fixed, this week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, rose one basis point from last week's 6.89 to 6.90 percent.

"Several things happened during the week to moderate interest rates," said Freddie Mac chief economist Robert Van Order.

"First, the Consumer Price Index came out lower than expected, causing interest rates to fall a bit. But when housing starts and retail figures were released and were higher than expected, interest rates started to rise again."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

Freddie Mac is a shareholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages these mortgages into marketable securities. This way Freddie Mac maintains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by homebuyers.

More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site www.freddie.com.

Raid

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charged with "possession."

The four men assigned to raid the residence halted at first, believing the house to be a private home. But when they saw a "steady stream of patrons going in and out...they forced their way in."

Once inside they found an "elaborate bar act up in the sun room of the mansion." This should

have come as no surprise. Some months earlier, when Corla Bernstein — the former wife of Arthur Bernstein, Jackie Coogan's manager — visited 6666 Sims Drive: she "lost" a \$4,000 diamond ring.

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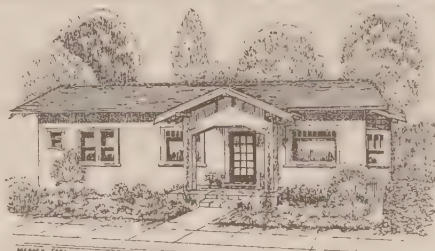
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by the size and looks of the houses that are for sale and how very much they cost.

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"You really think that someone will pay \$375,000 for this house when it needs so much work?" an astonished buyer asks his agent. "You mean the seller doesn't plan to pay for the termite or roof work? How can that be?" he goes on.

With disbelief in every word, he asks, "I have to write an offer in the next two days if I want to buy this

one?"

High prices and the rush of the market are hard on buyers and on their agents too. Buyers frequently are inside a house they plan to buy for only a brief time — perhaps an hour — before committing to it.

Then it's rush, rush to write a contract, read the disclosures, absorb the termite report, decide on the down payment and loan amounts.

Much thought, many decisions must occur quickly: Is the neighborhood OK? The condition? The size? Are problems correctable, affordable, do they make sense?

Will the house withstand an earthquake? What about insurance? Schools, transportation, roof coverings, tall trees, and on and on.

If the offer is made and is accepted by the seller, there is cause for celebration, followed by a rush to do inspections. First, there is the general inspection during which deficits large and small are called to the buyer's attention.

If the buyer is not familiar with

house construction and maintenance, he will be trying to get information, gain perspective about and weigh — in a hurry — such things as the importance of rafter tails, caulking, the potential dangers of asbestos and lead-based paint, fire-hazard zones, safety glass and on and on.

There may be discoveries that require the services of specialists — roofers, masons, heating people, drainage engineers, for example.

By this time the buyer has a lot to think about. It occurs to him that he is fortunate to have an intelligent, thinking, helpful agent. His good agent did not urge him to buy a house until he was prepared, truly ready to go forward.

She supplied him with pricing information, told him what to expect during inspections. They discussed city building records, thoroughly covered acquisition and on-going costs of owning and she made sure that he understood the contract he signed, his outs, his options.

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International addition

Berkeley Hills Realty recently announced the affiliation of Dan Dulligan as a real estate agent. Dulligan joins the Berkeley-based residential brokerage after 12 years as the owner of marketing consultancies in both the Midwest and England.

He has lived and worked in London since 1992.

According to Berkeley Hills broker Nancy Mueller, her company sees an extra role for Dulligan in serving clients with international property issues.

"Dan's knowledge of residential real estate transactions and his contacts in both the United Kingdom and France will be a plus," said Mueller. "He also has eight years experience as a university



Dan Dulligan

development officer and understands the particular needs of our academic community here in Berkeley."

Dulligan and his wife live in Kensington.

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Disclosure: a final look

Recent articles in this column have described the disclosure duty of a residential listing agent as articulated in a 1984 appellate case known as *Easton v. Strassburger* and California Civil Code Section 2079, which was passed in its wake explicitly to clarify its holding. I have emphasized that the crucial distinction between what a seller must do and what his or her agent must do.

The seller's duty is confined to disclosing known facts but that a listing agent is required to discover as well as to disclose relevant material facts. The mechanism of this discovery process is what Section 2079 describes as a reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection of the property, conducted according to the standard of a "reasonably prudent real estate licensee."

The statute sets certain specific limits to the broker's inspection and disclosure duties. Thus, there is no duty to investigate inaccessible areas nor is there any duty to inspect offsite locations or public records. A recent case, *Robinson v. Grossman*, held that a listing broker has no duty to verify representations made by his or her seller on the Transfer Disclosure Statement (TDS).

This week, I will review another recent case in which the listing broker's *Easton/Section 2079* duty figured prominently. Known as *Padgett v. Phariss*, it has been widely hailed by the real estate industry as an important pro-broker case. A couple named Padgett purchased a condominium unit and then discovered that litigation against the developer over construction defects had been filed

about a month before the creation of the purchase contract.

The sellers had not disclosed the existence of this litigation on the TDS. Neither agent knew anything about the pending lawsuit. The Padgetts sued the sellers for rescission (which they obtained) and the agents for nondisclosure.

At a pre-trial motion hearing, the Padgetts presented evidence that the agents could have obtained the missing information simply by making inquiry of the homeowners association. They also presented expert testimony that the agents had a duty to so inquire. The court, however, ruled against them. It held that the only duty the agents had to discover facts is that pursuant to the *Easton/Section 2079* requirement to conduct a reasonably diligent visual inspection of the property.

The Padgetts appealed without success. The appellate court upheld the earlier ruling, focusing on the language of California Civil Code Section 2079.3. This section says that a reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection of the property does not include or involve an inspection of areas that are reasonably and normally inaccessible. An affirmative inspection of areas off the site of the subject property or public

records or permits concerning the title or use of the property is also not included.

If the property comprises a condominium, this does not include an inspection of more than the unit offered for sale. Section 1368 requires that a condominium buyer be provided with copies of all of the governing documents and had been complied with in this case.

On its face, then, the statute would seem clearly to put a homeowner's association inquiry in the category of an offsite inspection and, thus, beyond the scope of the agent's *Easton/Section 2079* disclosure duty.

In the language of the court, the 1994 amendment to Section 2079.3 made it clear that the subject inspection did not include areas off the site of the property or public records or permits regarding title or use of property, nor an area greater than the actual unit offered for sale.

Taken together with the holding in *Robinson v. Grossman* and that court's explicit warning to buyers that...under the post-*Easton* statutory scheme, once the sellers and their agent make the required disclosures, it is incumbent upon the potential purchasers to investigate and make an informed decision based thereon, we may be

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seeing the beginning of a trend in the case law which is somewhat less protective of buyers, after years of moving in the opposite direction.

This may not amount to a return to the days of caveat emptor but, in these more conservative legal times, it might be prudent for buyers to act as if it did and

make more of an effort to find what they need to know rather than relying on others to provide them.

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Dangerous gas connectors

By Don Dunning

The potential dangers of flexible gas connectors were brought to my attention by a recent television program. These connectors supply natural gas to furnaces, water heaters, and appliances such as stoves and dryers.

Two different types, copper and coated brass, have been associated with serious injury and death. Copper is a problem because it degrades over time when in contact with gas. Older model, uncoated brass connectors have a soldered end which can fail from age. In either case, a crack or break can lead to a fire or explosion.

It is believed that uncoated, soldered brass connectors have not been made since 1976, but may still be in service in many homes. Since 1980, 38 deaths and 63 injuries nationwide have been attributed to these brass gas connectors.

Several weeks ago, I had our furnace cleaned and serviced and asked the technician about this issue. After checking, he replaced the flexible brass connector with one of stainless steel. He told me that stainless steel is now used as the standard for flexible gas connectors. His inspection of our gas stove and clothes dryer showed the connectors are made of a plastic-coated material which has not caused prob-

lems.

This is a problem that is not widely known. Have a professional look at all your gas connectors. If they are made of copper or uncoated brass, a licensed heating contractor should replace them. Caution: do not move any connector pipes yourself as they could be brittle and break. You may also call PG&E, (800) 743-5000, for a free inspection.

Don Dunning is a 17-year real estate veteran. He is a full-time Realtor and consultant with Wells & Bennett Realtors in Oakland. He can be reached at 531-7000, ext. 239.

'Harvest Home Tour' on horizon

The Harvest Home Tour, a gala fund-raiser on November 14 will feature six festive Piedmont homes.

One of the homes on the tour was designed in the 1920s by the distinguished architect, Albert Farr. This grand, elegant residence has several gorgeous formal rooms and a sculptured architectural detail. The garden is home to a very rare Umbrella tree from Argentina, believed to be one of only two in the state of California.

There is a contemporary home recently redesigned by San Francisco interior designer Daen Scheiber, who designed the home in San Francisco 49er, Jerry Rice. Scheiber's talent lies in integrating color, texture and materials with disciplined restraint, providing a

wonderful setting for the eclectic art and furnishing.

A gracious Georgian Colonial Revival style home designed by architects, Miller and Warnecke, originally part of the Bliss Estate in Piedmont can be seen on the tour. John Warnecke, the son of Carl Warnecke lived here with his family from the late 1940s through the 1950s.

The childhood home of actor, Clint Eastwood is on this year's tour. This wonderful Craftsman-style shingle, built around 1917, has been refined to fit the luxury of today's more modern life-style.

Proceeds from the tour will be donated to help finance the Internet and music programs at all schools within the Piedmont School Dis-

trict. The homes on the tour are private residences and are not being offered for sale.

As their contribution to the continued excellence of the Piedmont schools, the owners have graciously participated in the event. Each home will be decorated for the harvest season and open for viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be a hosted reception starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Piedmont Community Center.

"This type of benefit is a wonderful opportunity to see a few of the unique and beautiful residences in our community while raising money to further enhance the quality of education," said Jane Stanley Inch, Realtor at The GRUBB Co. and Cochair of the Harvest Home

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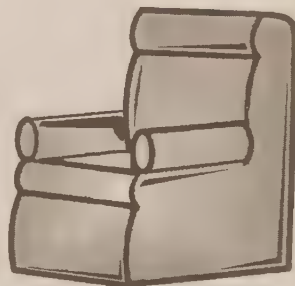
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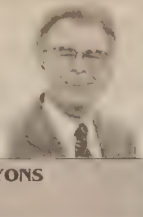
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Most people who have purchases or refinanced a home in the last ten years are familiar enough with the appraisal process to know that the appraiser spends a good deal of time and effort selecting comparable recent sales.

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What most people don't know about the appraisal process is that a great many other things about the subject property may affect value. As a result, they must be given careful consideration as part of a complete appraisal. One of these is neighborhood.

Every appraisal must contain a section addressing the neighborhood of the subject property. The kinds of issues that are addressed tell us what a neighborhood is. They are things like quality and availability of housing; approximate percentages of neighborhood area occupied by various types of usage

Valuing your neighborhood

(single family housing, small apartments, large apartments, commercial and industrial properties, vacant land and ongoing and proposed development.

Community services and availability of shopping, transportation and major employment centers are also addressed. Unusual neighborhood influences such as the presence of views or proximity to nega-

old, five hundred square foot cottage located in a neighborhood consisting predominantly of half million dollar late model homes would certainly warrant going outside the neighborhood for comps, if necessary.

It is far better to choose a very similar comp from a neighborhood with more modest homes and make a ten thousand dollar adjustment

ample of a newer neighborhood would be much of Antioch where building has gathered so much momentum that public services like schooling are having a very hard time keeping up. Older, established neighborhoods are easy to find in places like Berkeley and Piedmont.

Ailing areas I find troublesome as I drive through them inspecting comparables and noting neighborhood characteristics. Many of them are found in the older localities. As I list the neighborhood boundaries for some of these troubled, decaying areas, I find myself naming major freeways and train tracks.

These areas they have lost their heart and reason for being as result of the public transportation policy of the late twentieth century. Some of them contain fine architectural detail dating from the turn of the century. What will it take to revitalize these areas?

Several possible answers come to mind. Since properties cannot be rehabilitated without an interested and financially sound pool of buyers, economic health is a necessity. Replacement of services and infrastructure that have been amputated by major transportation lines is more problematic, but there are answers for areas that local governments and private enterprise find worthwhile.

A process known as "densification" provides a framework of zoning modifications and development goals for rehabilitating and expand-

What most don't know about the appraisal process is that a great many outside factors may affect a home's value.

tives like landfills or toxic waste sites will also be reported.

So a neighborhood is an area with housing, shopping, access to transportation and maybe some other things. It usually has its own special character, often defined by its geographical location and the quality and density of its buildings.

Another requirement in an appraisal report is a clear delineation of neighborhood boundaries. The reason for this is to make it easy for any reader of the appraisal to determine which of the comparable sales are within the neighborhood.

In general, all the comps should be located within the subject neighborhood. Exceptions can be made to this rule in extraordinary circumstances. For example, a seventy year

for inferior location than it is to choose the house next door and be forced to make age, size, view and quality of construction adjustments totaling three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Like most appraisers, I cover a fairly wide area: all of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties; in effect, the area most of us think of when we use the term "East Bay." As I address this neighborhood issue in my various reports throughout this widely diverse area, I realize what a variety of neighborhoods there are.

In terms of properties, the East Bay is like a living organism - it contains areas which are new and budding, those which are mature and established, and those which are, sadly, old and ailing. An ex-

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Tour.

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Excuse me, how's that again?

By Don Pearman

As a neophyte contractor many years ago, I did not necessarily know Contractor-Speak. I knew what the parts of the structure were by what they looked like, what could be the matter with them and how to fix a problem with them, but I had to learn the vocabulary. Actually, what we are talking about here is jargon, which the dictionary defines as "the specialized vocabulary and idioms of those in the same work or profession, sometimes implying unintelligibility."

Every group wants its own special vocabulary that is understood by only those in the group, it seems. For example, the linguists of the world will speak in terms of subjects, verbs, objects, dangling participles, and the subjunctive case when referring to how those of us who write organize our words. Doctors will refer to that black and blue mark on your arm as a hematoma, not a bruise and the part of your elbow that tingles if hit as the humerus, not the funny bone.

Actually, jargon is best used to allow those using it to replace an entire group of words with one or two words. As I write this on my computer, which used to mean "a person who computes, one who does mathematical calculations" and now means the electronic box and its accessories that allows us to write faster and more conveniently, I use a mouse.

This is not a pesky rodent but an electronic device that helps me compute with more speed and convenience. Mouse is one word that replaces a number of words, but you have to know what kind of mouse you are referring to. I'm pleased that the computer types decided on mouse and not rat.

I can recall some conversations of 25 years ago about Contractor-Speak. The pony wall is that part of the wall of your house located between the foundation and the floor.

One old meaning for pony is "anything small," and, in comparison to the entire wall.

The wall in question is, indeed, small. In the case of the plate in the framing of your new addition, that word got into English from Greek through French somewhere around the year 1200 — meaning "broad or flat," and, of the 23 different definitions in my Webster's, number 17 is the architectural definition, "a horizontal wooden girder

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that supports the rafters of the roof." For those not in the construction business, that definition needs a definition!

I have found that Contractor-Speak tends to use fairly simple and straightforward words to describe somewhat complicated techniques or items. If you are interested in etymology, linguists' jargon for the history of words in a language, contractors' jargon is comprised of words from all sorts of languages — Italian for architectural terms like dado, for example, or French for words about decorating, such as parquet flooring or paneling.

A lot of the words that a contractor uses are simply words that have been in English for a very long time and have been used in many fields, building being one of them. I particularly recall a conversation with a contractor who chided me for using the term mudsill when there was no mud.

Sill is a word that has meant "a

heavy horizontal timber supporting a house wall" ever since there was an English language — for you purists, since about 400 AD. A mudsill simply is the sill on top of the "mud" of the concrete foundation.

There is also the door sill and the window sill, but these are pretty self-explanatory. In addition, mud can also refer to the clay-like finish applied to the drywall before the finish coat. Drywall is the generic term for what many call Sheetrock, but that is a trademarked term for a product of the US Gypsum Company and must always be capitalized.

Speaking of concrete, some people use the term cement when they really mean concrete. Concrete is "a building material made of sand and gravel, bonded together with cement into a hard, compact substance," while cement is a "powdered substance made of burned lime and clay used to make concrete."

Things really get confusing when the various building trades add their words — both electricians and plumbers use run, although the plumber is worried about whether the toilet will run while the electrician is concerned with the run of wires from the electrical panel to the receptacles and outlets. Heating contractors are always worried about the flue, not the sickness but the pipe that takes the gasses from the various heaters to the outside. Framers, the tradespeople that are in charge of the "basic and skeletal structure of a house around which it is built," the frame, are usually concerned that the flue does not require that an oversize hole be cut in the studs, "the upright pieces in the walls of the frame of a building."

I talk about king, queen and jack studs when referring to the studs of various length in the framing of the interior and exterior walls of a building. I recently read a term I had never seen before — dragon's teeth.

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Stay out of hot water

Most of us don't think about our water heater as long as we get hot water when we need it. Home inspectors often find significant safety problems with gas-fired water heaters. An improperly installed water heater can spill toxic fumes, start a fire or damage your home by leaking water.

Elevate heater

A gas-fired water heater located in a garage, or in a room that shares the garage floor, should be elevated on a sturdy platform so the flame is at least 18 inches above the floor.

Gasoline fumes are heavier than air and will collect near the floor where they could be ignited if the water heater flame is close to the floor.

The water heater should be secured in place with special heavy duty straps to keep it from moving in an earthquake. Flexible water supply and gas supply connectors should be used as they are less likely to break in an earthquake. The water in the tank may be the only supply of water if the water pipes in the street break during an earthquake.

Pressure-relief valves

All water heaters should be equipped with temperature and pressure relief valves to prevent a malfunctioning water heater from overheating and exploding. You should find this valve at the top or on the side of the water heater.

This valve should have a drain pipe which extends to the exterior of the building, though some jurisdictions allow this pipe to drain on the garage floor. Valve leakage is common and the discharge pipe

should terminate where you will easily notice any drips or water flow at the pipe indicating a leaky valve. Leaking valves should be replaced.

Diverting fumes

Fumes from gas-fired water heaters must be carried safely outdoors by a vent piping system. The bottom portion of this vent, called the draft diverter, is typically located at the top of the water heater. The diverter and vent piping can get very hot and its very important to avoid storing any items on or near the water heater.

The best systems use double-wall type-B vents that extend upward through the roof. These vents require a one-inch clearance to combustibles and single wall vent pipes need at least six inches clearance. We often find hot vent pipes located too close to discolored or charred wood which can easily catch fire.

Beware of spillage

Gas spillage in a flue indicates an obstructed or improperly installed vent. Moisture is a by-product of natural gas production and will often cause rusting at the piping near the draft diverter or at the firebox opening at the bottom of the water heater.

Gas spillage is hazardous and you should call your plumber or the local utility company if you suspect this condition. Installing carbon monoxide detectors near all gas-fired appliances is a good safety measure.

Fresh air

Gas-fired water heaters require a source of fresh air to provide oxy-



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gen to the flame. A water heater in a closet or confined space such as a laundry room may need to have ducts or openings to the exterior to assure an adequate air supply.

Exhaust fans in laundry rooms can also cause flue gas spillage. An insufficient supply of oxygen can cause the water heater to produce carbon monoxide.

Almost all water heaters eventually fail and leak. Water flowing from a leaky water heater can cause substantial damage, especially if this happens while you are away for the weekend.

New water heaters are usually required to have a catch pan and drain beneath them when installed in areas where leakage could cause damage.

Cool it

Be sure the water from your heater is not so hot that it could scald you, a child, or anyone unable to move quickly out of the way. The preferred temperature is 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Most of us don't think about our water heater until it stops producing hot water when we need it.

Take a look at your water heater now and do a safety check on your own. You may be glad you did.

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Lyons...

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ing the planning and architectural characteristics of a neighborhood to bring it both back to life and up to date without overpopulating or destroying it.

Now that most of the dislocation due to the downsizing of the Cali-

fornia Defense Establishment and the prolonged recession has been rectified, there seems to be hope for some of the older, decaying neighborhoods.

But it will require a real meeting of minds between autonomous and sometimes conflicting local governing bodies to and put time, planning and money into redeveloping some of our older inner

neighborhoods while slowing the wholesale development of agricultural land on the fringes of the East Bay.

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Here we go again!

The interest rates are getting to the point where many homeowners are asking themselves, "Is it time to suffer through the refinance process, again?"

As always, there are several questions you must ask yourself before you even call your banker or mortgage broker.

How long do I think I will stay in this property? This is really a two part question, it should be how long do I intend to own the property. If you have your heart set on a low fixed rate loan and you intend to keep the property for more than 3 years, the costs for the rate will probably make sense.

It makes even more sense if you are considering keeping the prop-

erty as an investment and renting it out in the future. Nonowner occupied properties demand higher interest rates than owner occupied properties.

How big of a difference is the interest rate; how does it affect my monthly payment? The formula to consider is: For every eighth of a point in interest rate per \$100,000 there is approximately nine dollars difference in your monthly payment.

So a one point difference in a \$100,000 loan amount would equal a \$72 savings per month. This is one of the few times in life that you can give yourself a raise.

How much does that one point difference in interest rate cost?

Is it time to suffer through the refinance process again?

Let's say that your current interest rate is 8.25 percent on your \$100,000 loan and 7.25 percent is available at one point cost.

Additional nonrecurring closing costs are usually around one and one half percent, so the cost of your loan is approximately \$2500. You would divide that number by your \$72 savings per month to figure out how many months it will take you to break even. In this case it would take just a bit more than 34 months — nearly three years — to break even.

Do I need to cash out some equity? Whether you are considering eliminating your consumer debt, financing your children's education, remodeling your home, buying a vacation home, or whatever - the equity in your home can serve you well. This brings up another question.

Will a second trust deed serve me better than a first trust deed? This will depend on your current first trust deed. If you have an adjustable rate mortgage with potential negative amortization (the difference between your payment rate versus the fully indexed rate as

shown on your monthly mortgage statement) the second trust deed lender will severely restrict the amount of money you can borrow, based on the loan to value.

With fixed rates as low as they are today, in this case it may be better to get a new first trust deed and if necessary, a new second to cash out your equity (if your loan to value is greater than 80 percent). If you have a short term fixed trust deed with a balloon, most lenders will not finance a second trust deed.

Keep in mind that most savings and loans and banks offer equity lines that will go in second position at little or no cost to the borrower. Refinancing your mortgage should be a make sense event. Be certain that all of your questions are answered before jump into mortgage madness.

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As much as possible, she works around his schedule, faxes to him at his office, sees that all of the many disclosures are delivered to him with appropriate explanations.

She talks to him about her own experiences and those of her clients with chimney dampers, refinishing floors, changing the electric stove to a gas one.

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Don't you buy without your own agent. Talk to agents, check their references, make sure you speak the same language.

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Rentals: the rest of the story

By H. W. Moss

Tenants are not the only ones with rental horror stories. A property owner, or landlord, is on the other side of every tale.

My tenants of eight years recently moved. They bought a building, two legal units, and moved themselves into the lower unit and their extended family of in-laws into the upper.

They evicted the existing long-term tenants to make room for themselves, the new owners. This is legal in San Francisco. Still, one tenant of ten years resisted. They ultimately lost and had to move.

But that is not my story. Mine is entirely different. On the first of August Carl told me he and Mary and their child would be gone by September 15. He had already closed escrow and was only waiting for his units to become vacant. Carl told me I should use his security deposit and apply it to his last month and a half.

That's wrong, I explained. He owed me rent and his security deposit was not a substitute. Carl should pay the entire month and a half he remained, then I would return all or a portion of his security deposit after he moved. Obviously, this was not news. He had calculated the exact day he would inform me.

When Carl and Mary moved in eight years before, the property was not the most desirable. Although located in a bustling section of the Mission district at the base of Bernal Heights, it is secluded and hard to find. Once you've been there it's a piece of cake but otherwise it's the last of the rustics.

That's because the residence is a former commercial space. It has 14 foot ceilings and two large skylights, a loft style interior that is not your typical two bedroom layout. At 1,300 square feet, the place is almost too big. It has exposed con-

duit in all the rooms, an extremely large living room separated from the kitchen by a mere five foot high barrier and ceiling lights that require a six foot ladder to change a bulb.

Few people wanted it. On the plus side, it is big. There is a large sunny garden with a deck suitable for barbecues and a 40 foot brick

The final bill includes cleaning the carpets, repairing the walls, dump fees and the ladder that seems to have disappeared.

walkway leading up to a private parking lot.

In order to entice Carl and Mary, I let them pick out the color and had the entire place, with the exception of the kitchen, bathroom and breakfast nook, carpeted. Carl's son was born there. He turned seven just before they moved.

After Carl was gone I learned the extent of the damage. Carl had not liked the low-flow shower head the city required me to install and he replaced it with his own. The family must have used it for many years because the water splashing off their bodies and onto the floor eventually seeped under the tile.

The dry-rot was extensive. It had eaten out the floor and climbed eight inches up the inside of the wall. Carl said it was my fault the floor tile had come loose. He had a dart board which he took with him when he left. The circle of clean,

unpunctured lath and plaster was a dead giveaway on the living room wall.

The thousands of dart holes were not overly difficult to repair. But the crayon wall where the boy studied art required two layers of primer before the waxy rain-bow would not show through the new latex paint.

The apartment has six inch wide pine bannisters atop the stairs that lead into the loft as well as pine shelves in the bathroom and kitchen areas. Carl is a smoker. All the wood surfaces now have long black burns on them.

And there are burn spots everywhere on the carpet, new when they moved in. Even the linoleum kitchen floor has burn spots. Nor did Carl take all his possessions with him. A chest of drawers, a bed frame, headboard and box spring, two raggedy chairs, a recliner chair, discarded clothing, children's toys, magazines and kitchen utensils, piles of coat hangers and house-hold debris of every description littered the place.

But the worst was the dog smell. In January Carl came to me and said he had taken his child to see a psychologist and the boy was depressed. Why was the child depressed? Because he did not have a dog. From the day they moved in I insisted Carl not have a dog. Cats were fine, almost any rodent or bird in a cage, but no dog.

Yet his story was so good: I was to blame for the child's anguish. So I allowed Carl to have a dog which he got from the San Francisco SPCA. They called to ask if I had, indeed, given permission for my tenant to have the puppy Carl had just selected, a wonderful animal they said, well behaved and friendly.

It was a pit bull and Carl named her Greta. She must have been the size of a small horse when she was born and only got bigger. She dug

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Take hard look at design choices

By Jan Hall

Patience is the word for garden installation. Writing from personal experience with my own garden, my monthly customer gardens and garden installations, there is no room for rushing to complete the task. Changing ones mind after the installation will either be costly or cause long term disappointment.

The first use of patience in designing is to take time to study the garden. How do the seasons affect the amount of light? What are the seasonal temperature extremes? What type of soil is in the garden? I recommend no major garden change or installation until you have watched the garden for one full year.

In changing a garden you should first consider the overall look, not the individual plants. Garden structure is formed first by the hardscape and second by your large backbone plants like trees, hedges and groups of shrubs.

If you are adapting an existing garden or installing a new garden then the types of questions you need to answer are: What is the overall structure or backbone of the garden that I want? What hardscape (walls,

patios, decks, arbors, etc.) will I keep or will I install? What will be the purpose of the hardscape?

Hardscape includes fences, retaining walls, walkways, decks and patios. Choosing materials that the hardscape is made of will dictate the types of plants that you can plant. As an example, if you put a solid eight foot wooden fence along your property line, then the amount of light and air received by the plants along the fence will be different from that of an open fence, say a split rail or wire fence.

Go for a ride, go for a lot of rides. Take a look at what other people have done. Look at the form and check out the materials used in the hardscape. Buy some books on hardscape. Both Ortho and Sunset have inexpensive books on decks, fences, patios. Talk to people that have already installed hardscape - ask them what would they do differently, what aspects of their hardscape do they like, and how difficult is the upkeep?

Walkways should not lead directly to the door, but should have gentle curves in them. The curves allow the eye to flow gently over the landscape, rather than dart from

one straight line to the next. Do you want a solid walkway or one made out of stone so you can plant between the stones?

Patios can have long gently undulating edges. Wooden decks are a bit more linear, due to the construction material. Wooden decks can be softened later by your plantings.

Two precautions: your hardscape is usually much more costly than your softscape (plants): If you are going to install the hardscape before considering the planting, then you should make sure you run conduits under the walkways, and patios for later irrigation and lighting installation. Run extra conduits, price is minuscule compared to digging under existing walkways to add another conduit.

Once you have settled on the form, size and design of the hardscape your next task is to consider your landscapes backbone plantings - the subject for my next article.

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FROM THE GROUND UP

PAUL WINANS

The articles started appearing several months ago. The warm water moving north is going to create the same conditions that existed in the winter of 1982-83.

Do you remember the havoc that was all around us that winter? Rain for 45 days straight with each successive day bringing another landslide or causing a creek to overflow. Trees down all over the place. Schools closed because of the rain.

How can one prepare their home for such an onslaught? What are prudent measures to take before it is too late to do anything? Let's review several steps you might consider taking.

Make it easy for the water to get away from your house. Start at the top. Keep your roof clean. When you are up there removing any debris that has collected over the summer, check out the condition of the roof. Is it aging? Are there any loose, missing or damaged shingles?

If so, call a roofer right now. They are going to be very popular once it starts to rain. Deal with small problems now and you might be able to make it through the

Are you prepared for a wild winter?

winter. Consider getting a roof in marginal condition "tuned up" so that it might last one more year.

It's probably too late in the season to replace a roof. But if you find reputable roofer who can tell you how they will keep the water out if it rains in the middle of the job, then get it done.

How are the gutters? Many sidewall leaks are the result of

Sounds like a lot of work. Get started as soon as you can.

clogged gutters that overflow. Get rid of all debris. Check the rain water leaders.

Consider using drain pipe to lead the outflow of the leaders away from the building. Doing this now will make it less likely that water will flow into the crawlspace or basement.

Check the slope of the land immediately around the building. Is it graded away from the building? If not, get a shovel and slope it away for several feet. This is easier to do now than when the rain is falling and water is flowing

into your house. If you have a sump pump, rid of the water that flows into your basement, make sure it works.

Consider installing a electrical source now, like a charge system or a generator, before the electricity goes out.

Remember the storm last New Year's Eve? I was out early hours of 1997 on my bailing out our sump power went out.

If the power does go out, be especially nice to have your fireplace.

Get it cleaned and checked by a fireplace specialist. A member to lay in some nice dry area.

Sounds like a lot of work started as soon as you cannot do the work yourself around for a good general tractor who can help you to you to good people who know. No one knows for sure what Nino will bring. But it is if you get your home ready, worst, you'll be better off you hope for the best. Good and, don't get wet.

Paul Winans, CR, is co-owner of Winans Construction, an Oakland-based general contracting firm founded in 1978. He can be reached at 653-7288.

Pearman...

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These are the cripple studs, the short studs that go between the header above a window or door and the top plate.

Anyone who has reached this point without being totally confused must be real trivia experts or construction historians. If you have any construction terms that are interesting to you, please send them. Contractor-Speak is an ever-expanding language.

Many professions develop jargon in order to make their language more special. Those who are new in the profession and outsiders struggle to learn the terminology, but those who know the language realize that it speeds up communication in the profession, or at least it should.

Jargon can be used to obfuscate, that is, "confuse with unfamiliar and unnecessary words," but that should not be the case with a contractor working on your house. If you are confused, ask your contrac-

tor to explain as he goes along instead of leaving you confused. There is such a thing as a construction dictionary, but you shouldn't have to invest in one!

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- 6054 MAZUELA DR, 5/4+, bay/canyon vistas, gourm.kit, 3-car gar \$850,000 Mason-McDuffie 845-0200, Barbara Hopper 273-9361 SUNDAY 2-5
- 15038 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 5bd/3ba, pano bay vws, quality! \$848,000 Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 4921 PROCTOR, Upr Rockridge, 4bd/3+ba, new construction! \$830,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216
- 33 NORTH HILL CT, Curb appeal & quality! 4+3/4 on cul-de-sac \$779,000 Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780
- 1965 MANZANITA DR, Montclair, nwly listed 5+3/4, custom, view! \$749,000 Mason-McDuffie 845-0200, Lois Kadosh 287-9186 SUNDAY 2-5
- 6207 MATHIEU, Rockridge, 4bd/3+ba, gorgeous, new, fam room \$729,000 Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 1098 AMITO, Claremont, nw 4bd/3+ba custom, bay vwal mstr w/fpl \$639,000 Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 20 CHAMBERS LN, Bay & canyon vwl Montclair exquisite nw 4 1/2 \$599,000 Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 531-7000 X289
- 6001 BUENA VISTA, Rockridge, 3bd/1+ba lovely home, bay view! \$599,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 5910 MARIE WAY, Rockridge, new 4bd/2+ba, level out to court! \$575,000 Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460
- 6039 GLENAMAR, 4+3 w/big yard & bay view transformed interior \$559,000 Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174
- 5560 COUNTRY CLUB DR, Sunny, stylish, 3/2+, secluded courtyds \$539,500 The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400
- 1055 AQUARIUS WY, Montclair, 4+bd/2+ba stately nw constr, vwal \$539,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442
- 40 LARRY LN, Montclair, 5+3, sep children's wing, 2-rm guest ste \$519,000 Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460
- 4849 PROCTOR, Upr Rockridge, custom charm, 2+bd/2ba. \$515,000 "Great" room + possible 3rd & 4th bd. New listing! Terry De Young 462-7792
- 6700 GUNN, Spacious 5bd/4b nw construction w/marble & granite \$499,000 Wells & Bennett, Carol Robbiano 531-7000 X292
- 5925 WESTOVER DR, Montclair, nr village, 3/2+, office, 3 frpl, decks \$499,000 The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400
- 6822 BRISTOL DR, Large nr construction, 4+bd/3b grt price, value! \$485,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Debbie Newton 898-9416
- 27 BELL WAYER WAY, Hillcrest Highlands, custom 3bd/2+ba, mostly level, 3 frpl, spa, sauna, pvt. Reduced \$96K! \$479,000 Tabolfo & Company, Margo Brady 482-6080
- 28 BINNACLE HILL, Pano SF bay & bridge vw, 3/3 twrns, quality \$475,000 The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 2821 CHELSEA, P. Pines 3/3+ contemp, family rm w/2nd flpl, lg ofc \$469,000 Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174
- 6865 OAKWOOD DR, Montclair 4bd/3+ba, skylites, canyon views \$469,000 Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460
- 31 BAYFOREST CT, Pinewood, 2+bd/2+ba, spectacular bay view! \$449,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Herb Manor 869-4227
- 668 TREBLE GLEN RD, 3bd/2+ba on double lot, upgrades galore \$445,000 Gadsby & Associates, Ingrid 748-5300
- 35 BAY FOREST CT, 4bd/3+ba, brand new constr, views, lg family \$439,000 rm, hdwd flrs & Berber carpets. Owner/Agent 415-721-2100 SUNDAY 1-4

- 6201 WOOD DR, Montclair, 3bd/2+ba, custom loaded w/detail \$425,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 4622 REDWOOD RD, Ridgemont area, 3/2+ city villa w/hi-style, vw \$399,000 Cornish & Carey, D. C. Hodges 531-7667
- 25 CAPTAINS COVE, Hiller, light/airy 3+3 twrhn, SF/bay/bridge vw \$395,000 Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 21 CAPTAINS COVE, Hiller, upgraded 3bd/4ba, den, hdwds, view! \$395,000 Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 5901 ASCOT DR, Montclair, 3bd/2ba with views from all rooms \$389,000 The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
- 2856 BUTTERS DR, 4+bd/2+ba, huge open rooms, yd, SF/bay view \$389,000 Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174
- 7117 SNAKE RD, Montclair, fab vwl level yd, 4bd/3ba, EZ commute \$389,000 Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174
- 7761 CLAREMONT AVE, New craftsman w/"great" rm, skylites, deck \$389,000 The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400
- 4962 STONERIDGE CT, New listing! 4bd/3ba w/bay & canyon vistas \$379,000 Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 2061 BRAEMAR RD, Oakmore, custom 3+3/4, fam rm, office, aupai \$375,000 Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamante 339-1174
- 3901 OAKMORE RD, New listing! 4+bd/3ba, rumpus, wine cellar, + \$369,000 Cornish & Carey, Victor Fierro 832-4339
- 2024 DRAKE DR, Montclair, upgraded kit, guest/office w/sep entry \$369,000 The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankkan 339-0400
- 2159 MASTLANDS DR, Montclair, 4bd/3b, rumpus, creekside setting \$359,000 Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460
- 2674 LAS AROMAS, Montclair, 2+bd/1ba, views to SF! upgrades, yd \$349,000 Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460
- 3938 OAKMORE RD, 4bd/2ba, move in condition, bright 2-story trad \$339,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 7 HILLCREST CT, 3bd/2ba, just listed! spacious level townhouse \$339,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 7 HILLCREST CT, Just listed! 3/2 twrhn, EIK, lg mstr, pool/tennis \$339,000 Prudential California Realty 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224
- 6150 BULLARD, Montclair, 3bd/3ba custom ranch \$329,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. B. Rose 869-4253
- 2950 HOLYROOD DR, Montclair, 3bd/2ba contemp w/fam rm, 1/3ac \$325,000 The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
- 5083 DUBLIN AVE, Montclair (off Mountain) 2+2/4, patio, den, FDR \$319,000 Cornish & Carey 339-9778 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30 First Open!
- 140 HERMOSA, New listing! Rockridge 2bd/1ba, sunny patio & yd \$319,000 Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 12601 BROOKPARK, Remod 3/2, all level, updt kit/FR, 3-car gar \$310,000 The GRUBB Company, Melita Beeson 339-0400
- 4451 VIEW PL, Rockridge, corner Pleasant Valley & Montgomery. \$200,000+ Starting GRAND OPENING! 9 new luxury 3 & 4bd homes: 547-1051 HIGH OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2-5
- 1536 WELLINGTON, Glenview, unique & special, loft, garden, patio \$299,850 Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng & Karen Lum 339-1174
- 2989 BUTTERS DR, Oakland Hills, 2/2, amenities galore, den, view \$299,000 Cornish & Carey, Mel Copland 339-8900
- 2901 CARLEST ST, Lincoln Hts, 3bd/2+ba, pano vw, big lot, A-1 \$299,000 Cornish & Carey, Rachel Balter 530-3860
- 825 NORTHVALE, Crocker, 2+bd/2+ba, price reduced! decks, gdns \$298,000 Cornish & Carey, Fiona MacIntyre 832-4339
- 2223 MELVIN RD, Oakmore, Price reduced! 3bd/2+ba w/bay view! \$292,000 Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Gayle Tantau 898-9409
- 994 VERMONT ST, Piedmont border, spacious 3/1+ back on mkt, vw \$289,500 Cornish & Carey, Tom Nemeth 652-6537

- 3315 CRANE WAY, Joaquin Miller, 2/1 trad'l w/loads of charm! view! \$279,000 Cornish & Carey, Carin Caroe 339-8900
- 4654 REDWOOD RD, Stylish townhouse, 2 MBR suites, great complex \$279,000 The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- 4733 EL CENTRO, Glenview 3bd/2+ba, refin.flrs, level yd, bay vw \$279,000 Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000 X242
- 4638 DOLORES, Just reduced! 3bd/3ba, upper Glenview, rumpus \$269,000 Wells & Bennett, Patsy Buhler 893-8272
- 4530 CLAREWOOD, Rockridge, dramatic 2+2/4 townhse, 1914 sf \$239,000 Cornish & Carey, Carol Cohen 339-8900
- 4351 39TH AVE, Redwood Hts, Nw listing! Fab 2/1 mini-farm! wkshop \$239,000 Pacific Union, Leslie Gordon 339-6460
- 3438 MONTEREY BL, Spacious 3bd/3ba w/in-law unit, reduced \$259,000 Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300
- 3868 LYMAN, 2bd/1ba tudor, several rms, hdwds, Wedged stove \$249,000 Wells & Bennett, Barbara Roessler 531-7000 X264
- 68 PEARL ST, Leona Heights, ideal 5bd/4ba, lg lot w/view! \$249,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 6444 ASCOT DR, Montclair 2/1, upgraded starter, peaceful vw, deck \$249,000 Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 4014 WOODRUFF AVE, 3bd/1ba, LR w/frpl, FDR, EIK, gdn, patio \$239,000 Prudential California Realty 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224
- 4014 WOODRUFF AVE, Glenview, 3/1 w/nw foundation, well maint. \$239,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224
- 400 60TH ST, Rockridge 2bd/1ba classic, nw kit/bath, grt location \$239,000 Cornish & Carey, Steven Biasatti 339-8900
- 3409 GUIDO, Redwood Hts, charming 3/1 Med, lg LR, FDR, level yd \$239,000 Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460
- 5744 GRISBORNE, Montclair 1bd/1ba, truly unique! price reduced \$239,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212
- 4680 DAVENPORT, Redwood Hts, 2bd/1+ba, bay vw, remod kit, yd \$239,000 Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- 4076 WHITTLE, Upr Dimond, 3+1+, updt kit/ba, hdwds, garage, yd \$239,000 Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460
- 1294 HOLMAN RD, Crocker, 3bd/2ba, FDR, expansion/plans avail \$239,000 Cornish & Carey, Helen Nicholas 339-8900
- 3829 WHITTLE AVE, Laurel classic, adorable w/lots of x-tra room! \$239,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 653-8776
- 3280 CALIFORNIA, Laurel, 2bd/1+ba cottage on cul-de-sac, fpl, yd \$239,000 Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 3812 HARBOR VIEW, Old World Charm! View! hdwds, fpl, gdn/patio \$239,000 Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174
- 3801 LINWOOD, Glenview, hilltop duplex w/views! 3/2+ \$239,000 Mason-McDuffie, Cindy Boze 339-9290
- 2408-10 PARK BL, Duplex, just listed! 2/1 each, twrns style, garages \$239,000 Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dicke 339-1174
- 580 CHETWOOD, Grand Lake, darling 2/1 updt Cape Cod, grt st \$239,000 The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo
- 319 MAYNARD, Excelsior, Beautiful 3bd/1ba, great buy! \$219,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Marietta Grynblat 869-4226
- 3806 CANON, Below Dimond Pk, creekside, remod kit, redwd deck, \$219,000 bath w/skylite, +2ba, wkshp space. Re/Max, Bill Grimason 843-4519
- 1600 EXCELSIOR, 1st open! 3bd bungalow, FDR, hdwd, fpl, garage \$219,000 Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392
- 5343 BROADWAY TER #306, Rockridge, 2bd/2ba, sunny unit w/vw \$219,000 of Country Club. By Owner 510-547-6808 eve/wknds, 415-954-4414
- 4055 LOMA VISTA, New listing! affordable 2/1, plus rm, corner lot \$219,000 Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174
- 3001 BIRDSALL, Maxwell Park, 2bd/1b, gorgeous w/bt-ins, 1st open! \$219,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216

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Red Cross offers way to help yourself and others

Most people who believe they are leaving large inheritances to their children and grandchildren would be surprised to learn that their estates could be taxed up to 55 percent.

This pitfall could be avoided, however, by learning the benefits of charitable trusts, gift annuities, and donations of appreciated stock.

The American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter is offering free advice, brochures and tax calculations to help people take advantage of IRS-approved tax planning vehicles.

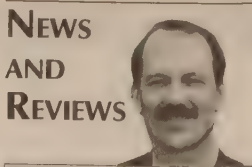
These documents enable them to

redirect funds from taxes to their family members, friends and favorite charities.

Red Cross Director and attorney Leonard Graff cited an example of a couple, both retired teachers, who recently worked with the Red Cross to transfer a rental property valued at \$575,000 into a charitable trust.

The Red Cross Gift Planning Department provides assistance to people interested in tax planning for their summer homes, IRAs, rental properties, appreciated stocks and other low-income-earning assets. For more information call (415) 427-8187.

NEWS AND REVIEWS



BRIAN GARDNER

Starting Out: The Complete Home Buyer's Guide, by Dian Hymer, paperback, 314 pages, \$17.95 from Chronicle Books, 85 Second Street, Sixth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105, 415-537-4470.

If you are planning to buy a home anytime soon, reading "Starting Out" might make all the difference

A great place to start out

in how the purchase turns out. Face the facts. A topic so tied in with the American Dream, that of buying a home, has fostered quite a number of books on the subject over the years. So how does one decide which one to buy?

The most informative books are written by those authors that have actually experienced what they are writing about, first hand. Dian Hymer has over 18 years experience as a top producing real estate broker with the number one real estate company in the country. She has helped buyers and sellers complete over 400 transactions.

But "experts" can often lack the necessary skill in the writing department to convey all their vast knowledge in a way that's interesting to read. In this department Dian has what it takes, again from first hand experience. Her real estate column, has appeared in California newspapers since 1989 and has been nationally syndicated in more than twenty newspapers since 1992.

So if Dian has the experience in real estate and the writing credentials of being a syndicated columnist, does all this knowledge come together when she uses her talents in a book? The answer is a resounding...yes.

The content of any book on buying a home is of course very important and here to Dian scores high marks. Chapters cover each aspect of buying a home in a logical progression from "Starting Out" through "Negotiating the Purchase" to "Strategies for Repeat Home Buyers." There is also an amortization Schedule detailing the monthly principal and interest payments for any loan amount given an interest rate and loan term.

This section is followed by a valuable glossary, two appendixes

and an index. The glossary defines every term you might want to understand from "acceleration clause" to "zoning." An acceleration clause is a certain set of circumstances where the lender does have the right to call all sums due and payable, even though it sounds like something you'd like to use as a bargaining tool when the CHP has pulled you over for speeding. Zone refers to the city regulations regarding what can and cannot be built in a given area of any city.

The fact is Dian has an easy going style that's very easy to read and each chapter is set up with sub-chapters that allows the novice to take it a step at a time or the seasoned home buyer able to find just the information they need easily.

Chapter 4, "Negotiating the Purchase" is a good example of this. The sub-chapters here cover important areas like, "Deciding What to Offer", "Presenting the Offer" and "Cancelling a Contract." In case you like a balance of the written word with diagrams or better yet pictures, Dian has wisely placed 20 handsome line drawings by artist Bill Compton of various styles of homes throughout the book.

Would you like to see what a typical Bungalow style home looks like? See page 7.

How about an English Tudor or Cape Cod Cottage? See pages 30 and 59, respectively.

How about something more unusual? How about an International styled home? See page 5.

If you know the name of the style of home you think you might be interested in, you don't have to search through the entire book, simply look up the name in the index.

Another nice feature of this book is that alongside the text in each of

the sections are boxes containing important elements pertaining to the topic you are reading which enforce certain points.

A good example of this can be found in chapter 3, "Finding a Home to Buy." The following are the types of hints the reader will find in this section:

- Buying a home involves compromise; the perfect home does not exist.

- The biggest house on the block is usually not the best investment.

- Many defects in a home are correctable, but a truly bad floor plan may be incurable.

- A new home is only as good as its builder.

- Selling prices, not listing prices, are the true indicators of current market value.

Dian possesses that rare ability of being both a realist and a dreamer so that "Starting Out" includes both the reality regarding buying a home and the joys of homeownership. The following passages from the introduction give a good example why the book is such an enjoyable read.

"Gone are the days when you could buy a home on a whim. It was not a major concern in the 1980's if you paid a little too much. Home prices were rising in most areas, so buyers were sure to make money back quickly. In fact, making money on homes was taken for granted. Home price appreciation was one of the primary reasons for buying a home."

"Owning your own home can be one of the great joys in life. Starting Out: The Complete Home Buyer's Guide will help you buy the right home and buy it on the right terms. So be careful and protect yourself, then relax and have fun. Happy home buying."

Homes...

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SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 22

LOWEST PRICE: \$118,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$425,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$255,954

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST PRICE: \$143,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$256,500

AVERAGE PRICE: \$174,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 23

LOWEST PRICE: \$130,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$796,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$319,869

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 11

LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$367,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$241,909

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 4

LOWEST PRICE: \$129,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$194,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$160,875

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1

PRICE: \$102,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3

LOWEST PRICE: \$299,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$348,500

AVERAGE PRICE: \$326,333

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 60

LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$695,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$208,200

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1

PRICE: \$760,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$150,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$125,000

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 22

LOWEST PRICE: \$106,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$355,000

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST PRICE: \$142,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$258,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$183,400

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All questions regarding this information and any requests for additional listings and services provided by TitleTech should be directed to Bud Gorham at 568-7233.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

443 BROADWAY TER #302, Rockridge, 2/2 condo, lg windows, fpl \$160,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Michele Kempkes 898-9404

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585 GRIZZLY PEAK, 4+bd/2+ba
Coldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4 \$425,000

2845 REGENT ST, Duplex, new listing! 3/1 ea unit, walk UC & shops \$399,000
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460

2877 BUENA VISTA, New listing! 2/2 dramatic contemp, SF/bay vws \$395,000
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132

1568 CAMPUS DR, Berkeley Hills, spacious & quiet 3/3, decks, view \$379,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Frank Nijenkamp 433-9998

65 PANORAMIC, Berkeley, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4 \$319,000

1619 ROSE ST, New listing! 2+bd/1ba craftsman bungalow
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 \$279,500

2447 ASHBY, 2bd, 1ba
Coldwell Banker, Lori Azari 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4 \$259,000

1385 FRANCISCO, 2bd/1ba
Coldwell Banker, Cheryl Cahn 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4 \$190,000

3043 ELLIS ST, Cute 3bd/1ba bungalow, corner lot
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239 \$185,000

2600 ASHBY #4, Elmdw 1bd condo, pretty 20's bldg, FDR, fpl, charm \$125,000
Templeton Company, Trish McEneaney 652-2133 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

1504 TYLER, 2bd/1ba, formal dining room & eat-in kitchen
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Nancy Tausig 524-8249 \$125,000

CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday

2702 DARLENE CT, Great family home
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Sereda 869-4258 SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$215,000

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

7658 LEWISTON, 3/2, grt location, fab bay vwst mstr w/hl ceilings
Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Stein 848-1950 X230 SUNDAY 2-4 \$289,000

929 BALRA, El Cerrito, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths
Coldwell Banker, Dian Verducci 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4 \$239,900

6826 WALDO, El Cerrito, 3bd/1ba
Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4 \$238,000

217 CARMEL, Sunny 3bd bungalow, Fatapples area, price reduced! \$229,000
Marvin Gardens Real Estate 527-9111, Todd Hodson 524-4352 SUNDAY 2-4

6823 HAGEN, 3bd ranch-style, fpl, hwd, pvt patio, bay vws, garage \$229,000
Marvin Gardens Real Estate 527-9111, Diana Mender 273-9537 SUNDAY 2-4

2633 CARQUINEZ, 3+bd/2+ba & a rental unit, charm, frpl, garage, yd \$215,000
Mason-McDuffie 526-5143, Lillie Braudy 524-7365 SUNDAY 2-4

HAYWARD Open Sunday

27475 DOBBEL AVE, 5bd/3b w/fantastic vw! Custom dome house w/\$424,000
lower level in-law unit. Tahoe setting! Jackie 462-1144 SUNDAY 1-4

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

64 HIGHGATE ROAD, 3bd/2 1/2 ba, great quality home! \$469,500
Mason-McDuffie 845-0200, Lorraine Osmundson 526-4566 SUNDAY 2-4:30

135 YORK AV, Flex frplan w/2 mstr suites den, cul-de-sac, bay vws \$359,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X107 SUNDAY 2-4

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

207 ESTATES DR, 5bd/3+ba tudor, new price! rec room, gardens \$1,090,000
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

160 WOODLAND WY, Gracious tudor, pool, 4/4 1/2, hwd, mstr w/fpl \$995,000
The GRUBB Company, Jane Inch 339-0400

27 KING AVE, Unique Spanish Med, elegant 3+3/3, solarium, aupair \$875,000
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up the yard and sneaked onto my back porch (I live above and share the yard), chewed and ate a piece of the roof and ran off with one work shoe. I never did find it.

The dog was not house trained, but it was friendly. And anyone could pet her. However, this caused her to get so excited she messed the floor where she rolled. It was not until I opened the door for the first time after Carl had been gone a day or two that I realized the carpets would require professional cleaning.

The final bill I am sending Carl includes the cost of cleaning the carpets, repairing the walls, dump fees and the ladder I gave him with which to change the light bulbs. It seems to have disappeared.

But I did not charge him for the damage to the bathroom. That was my fault. I know he won't pay. The good news for me, although it may not be good news for tenants, is there is a shortage of housing in San Francisco. It took two solid weeks of work before I felt it was time to show the place.

It turns out the loft style apartment has come into vogue since I last rented it. I had no difficulty when the time came, in fact was

deluged with phone calls. One loved it and all came with impeccable credentials. Month credit reports in hand and work history behind them.

But even though I explained the couple I selected that the rent deposit is exactly the same as a last month of rent, all I could hope when the time comes to buy their own home they would with our agreement.

And, no, they cannot have. Do you wonder why?

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Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

Mark Morris Dance Group

Cal Performances presents the Mark Morris Dance Group, through Nov. 2. A performance of works by Morris. Accompanied by members of the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, The Artek Singers, 458 Strings, pianist Eileen Clark Reinsner, violinist Sarah Roth and pianist Linda Swell. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$24 to \$42. Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, University of California, Berkeley. Details: 642-9988 or 762-BASS.

Flamenco song and dance

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley, hosts El Teatro Flamenco, a performance of traditional flamenco guitar, song and dance on Nov. 8, at 8:30 p.m. Details: 849-2568.

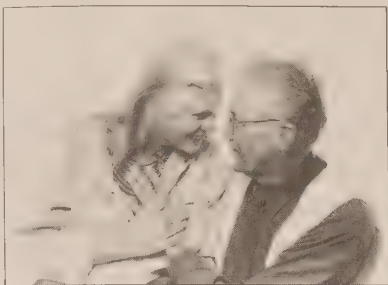
Chamber concerts

Trinity Chamber Concerts continue with Duo Linos, Nov. 1, at 8 p.m., featuring Yaada Weber on flute and Philip Manwell on piano. The following week, on Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. features Tori Stodle with performance of Norwegian piano works. Admission is \$10 general; \$8 seniors and students. Trinity Chapel, 100 Dana St., Berkeley. Details: 549-3864

California Onstage

"The Last Romantics" by James Schevill, a semi-autobiographical work about how people adapt to a changing world told through the roller coaster second marriage of two older people. Nov. 7 through Nov. 22 at the Berkeley Store Gallery, 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$18 general; \$8 seniors and students. Performances are Friday- and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Nov. 20, 8 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. Details: 845-2802.

Verona Seiter plays Marga-
ret and John
Argue plays
George in 'The
Last Roman-
tics.'



'Little Shop of Horrors'

"Little Shop of Horrors" the campy musical by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken about a sadistic dentist, an abused girlfriend, a nerdy florist and a man-eating plant named Audrey II runs at the Masquers Playhouse in Point Richmond from Oct. 31 through Dec. 20. Tickets are \$12 and performances are Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.; Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14 at 2:30 p.m. The Masquers at 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. Details: 232-4031.

Happy Days'

There's still time to catch the Eastenders Repertory Company's staging of "Happy Days" by Samuel Beckett, which closes its run at the Metal Shop Theatre, 2425 Stuart St., Berkeley on Nov. 1. Performances Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 to \$15. Details: 832-5034

Maybeck drawings

An exhibit of drawings by Bernard Maybeck, an architect best known for his theatrical designs for private homes and stately public buildings is at UC-Berkeley's Berkeley Art Museum from Nov. 5 through Jan. 18. Also on display are 19th century wood triptych prints by Ichiyusai Kuniyoshi, drawings by Luc Tymans, and "The Year of the Ox in Chinese Pottery, Painting, and Woodblock Design."

Admission is \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students ages 12 to 18; free children age 12 and under; free Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the museum, 2626 Bancroft Way. Details: 642-0808.

Psychic Faire, Spiritual Healing

Get another perspective on your family, career, money and love life. The Psychic Faire & Spiritual Healing Festival, hosted by the Berkeley Psychic Institute, runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the 2018 Alston Way Building, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1 and 2. Attend a workshop on your psychic abilities, attaining your goals this lifetime, and enhancing your relationships. Free admission and aura healing. Details: 548-8020.

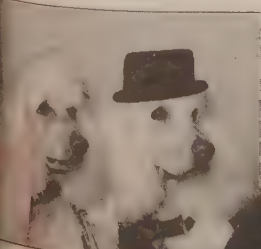
Recital of classical

works

Cal Performances presents violinist Sarah Chang in a recital of works by Mozart, Strauss, Prokofiev, Chopin and Sarasate. She will be accompanied by Charles Abramovic on piano in the performance on 4 at 8 p.m. at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. Tickets are \$22 to \$42. Details: 642-9988 or 762-BASS.



Sarah Chang



Max and Sadie say "Don't let your event go to the dogs, come to Celebrations '97."

Celebrations '97

Temple Sinai, 28th and Webster streets in Oakland invites anyone planning a party to attend Celebrations '97, with exhibitors from Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties, including caterers, florists, hotels, restaurants, photographers, stationers, entertainers and bakers. The event is Nov. 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5. Details: 451-3263.

'I Remember Mama' at CCCT

A tender look at a simpler time

By Phyllis Lyon

Recalling prized family values of yesteryear, the Contra Costa Civic Theater opens its 39th season with a touching production of John van Druten's *I Remember Mama*. The reminiscence of a Norwegian immigrant family making ends meet in 1910 San Francisco plays weekends in El Cerrito through Nov. 22.

The play is based on Kathryn Forbes' 1943 book, *Mama's Bank Account*, recounting the joys and trials in her own mama's efforts to keep family life and limb together in the face of illness, strikes,

carping relatives and an unruly housecat, among the several obstacles she bravely overcomes.

Well-defined characterizations by CCCT performers bring out all the sunshine in the play's moving and amusing moments. At the same time, they sustain audience interest by cutting through the dangerously treacherous premise with fully-realized, not-so-nice human beings.

An orange-haired Pat Parker puts the right mix of honey and vinegar into the role of Marta, the center-stage *Mama* ruling family members with an iron hand in a velvet glove — understanding,

forgiving but not above a little trickery or blackmail to achieve her goals. Parker, a 22-year CCCT mainstay memorable for her performances in *On Golden Pond* and *Driving Miss Daisy*, creates the mama occupants of psychiatrists' couches might wish for.

Required to limp while drunk and die in bed, veteran actor Ralph Miller meets the challenge of the play's meatiest role as Uncle Chris, the feared, allegedly rich "head of the family." Naturally *Mama* sees right through the intimidating bluster hiding the old man's secret wish to have become

a doctor.

In their house on Steiner Street, sitting around the kitchen table counting silver dollars for the phantom bank account, are mama's family: Papa Lars (James Rex) viewing the goings on with cool amusement; the adolescent Katrin (Suzanne Ochs), a would-be author; the industrious son Nels (Alex McMurray); the feisty 10-year-old Christine (Casey Horvitz); and the youngest, Dagmar (Margo Winton) whose male cat, Elizabeth (played with aplomb by Race), is, she says, a

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Berkeley Rep's 'Evolution of a Homeboy'

Danny Hoch is #&!*%? brilliant



Danny Hoch as a hip-hopping teenager head-tripping in his bedroom, imagining that he's on the Tonight Show.

'Evolution of a Homeboy: Jails, Hospitals & Hip-Hop,' written and performed by Danny Hoch, directed by Jo Bonney; Berkeley Repertory Theatre production at the Julia Morgan Theater.

By Don McConnell

Danny Hoch has achieved several small miracles in his one-man show *Evolution of a Homeboy*. One of them is to sustain audience interest with just a single performer, no sets, no music and only the simplest props (a push broom, a chair) and minor costume changes (mainly different jackets and hats).

The solo performance is enjoying popularity at the moment, but my experience is that even the best of them have you, before the end, wishing someone or something else would come on stage.

Hoch starts somewhat weakly, with a character whose urban jive is hard to understand. It also takes a while to figure out the structure of the evening—is there some relation between the vignettes? or even what is the race of the characters?

Even when it becomes clear that each vignette is self-contained, it's a challenge to figure out who the character is, where he is, etc.

Yet the characterization and the spot-on capturing of language, personality and attitude are so strong that Hoch grabs your attention from the first moment and never lets it flag until the show's end 90 minutes later.

I've seldom been in an audience

The language is obscenity-laced; it doesn't offend. The characters are full of rage; yet we don't feel like punching bags.

so rapt. At first they were silent as the sketches rolled by. I suspect it was both because the material is so unlike most other plays, and because of Hoch's unusual relationship to the audience, of which more in a moment.

As the show progressed, it was often interrupted by laughter; then each sketch ended with applause; and at the end, the ovation was that of an audience both delighted and deeply moved.

The second, and less minor, miracle was the material—that is, the people—Hoch explores. Almost without exception they are the kind of people who are threatening to a largely middle-aged, middle-class audience. Hoch, according to the program notes, spent "the first half of this decade bringing conflict-resolution-through-drama to ado-

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Author Maxine Hong Kingston wins National Humanities Award

An English lecturer to reckon with

By Jenn Knudsen

Maxine Hong Kingston won the 1997 National Humanities Medal, but at first she didn't know it.

The UC Berkeley professor and Oakland resident received a telephone call from an English department secretary but didn't bother to return it for two days. "I figured they were going to ask me to serve on a panel or something," she said in an interview last week.

Kingston, who stands about 5 feet tall, is an Asian-American writer best known for her 1976 book *The Woman Warrior: A Girlhood Among Ghosts*. She received the National Humanities Medal from President and Mrs. Clinton on Sept. 29, in Washington, D.C. The next day, *The San Francisco Chronicle* ran a picture of the author, wearing her new medallion and flanked by the Clintons. Kingston remembered with a laugh that a friend who saw the photo said, "It looks like you're herding two white elephants."

Kingston, 57, was born in Stockton, and moved to the Bay Area at the age of 17 to enter UC-Berkeley's engineering program. But, "I felt like I was in prison," she said of her first major, which required a "rigid" curriculum and many lab hours. "And I got a D or an F in calculus."

So during her sophomore year, she transferred to the English department to pursue her passion. "To be an English major was fun. All we did was read and talk about



Maxine Hong Kingston is back from Washington, D.C.

reading. ... Just the whole process of learning in the English department is so free," she said in her breathy, slightly sing-song voice.

Hong Kingston's first spoken language was "a very small dia-

lect of Cantonese," she said, called Sanyup. Though she attended Chinese school in Stockton, she never wrote Chinese. However, she was

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Bubbly tribute to Shaw

An evening of readings from Shaw's famous prefaces, entitled "Shaw and Champagne: An Inspired Folly," featuring many of the Bay Area's best-known actors including John Argue, Joy Carlin, Nancy Carlin, Peter Donat, J. Michael Flynn, Lorri Holt, Penelope Kreitzer, Sean San Jose, and Howard Swain, will take place Monday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club. The event will be a benefit for The Aurora Theatre Company whose current production of Shaw's *Widowers' Houses* plays at the Berkeley City Club through Nov. 16. The title is taken from a Shaw quote: "What is life but a series of inspired follies. The difficulty is to find them to do."

The bill-of-fare will include, along with hors d'oeuvres and champagne, readings from some of Shaw's best-loved prefaces, such as Saint Joan, Heartbreak House and Major Barbara. Proceeds from the benefit will help to upgrade the upstairs

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lesscents in New York City's jails and alternative high schools."

Except for a few teenagers, all of the characters are losers in a big way, and most are drawn from jails, hospital wards or the poorest streets of big cities. City dwellers know these people (often have terrifying brushes with them) enough to recognize the authenticity of Hoch's creations.

The miracle is not that Hoch focuses on this underclass, but that he makes us willing to look at them as closely as he does, and as compassionately, and ultimately to find them as appealing.

The language is as obscenity-laced as any I've ever heard; it doesn't offend. Several of the characters are consumed with rage; we watch without feeling like punching bags.

Hoch's relationship to the audience—and it's a changing one—is an important part of his success. For roughly the first third of the show, Hoch's characters have no connection at all to the audience. They are talking to someone we can't hear or see, or talking to themselves.

In one case (and it was one of my favorites), a teenager is head-tripping in his bedroom, imagining that he's on the Tonight Show. He remarks are directed sometimes to an imaginary Jay Leno, sometimes to a "real" (but equally non-existent) mother who's shouting at him from downstairs.

In a later sketch, a hip-hop star ("hip-hop" means "rap") is on the David Letterman show, and I think we're meant to believe it's not just in the character's mind. On the other hand, the obscenities and fantastic mental forays of the character could never happen on CBS. As you listen, you wonder what is supposed to be going on, but you're also laughing your head off.

Whoever they're all talking to, it isn't us in the audience, which defuses the language and rage, without diminishing them.

Suddenly this changes. A character brings on a podium and begins lecturing an audience, (though still not an audience of theater-goers in Berkeley). All of a sudden Hoch responds directly to the laughter, and the effect is startling. Thereafter, his interaction with the audience changes from sketch to sketch, playing with it in fascinating ways.

Who do we meet? We meet a prison guard who's badly injured a prisoner and is being forced to talk to a psychologist about it, at the same as he's trying to get away so he can pick up his kids from his hostile ex-wife. He tells his daughter on the phone to refuse to let Mommy take her away, to tell her Daddy's coming to pick them up.

We meet a charming brain-damaged man with the speech patterns of cerebral palsy, and we meet an Hispanic leaning on crutches in a hospital ward (due to police bullets) who's trying to pick up a Czechoslovakian immigrant: "So what do you eat over there. Do you have like, cheese?"

All of them come off as human and appealing, even the brain-scrambled prison guard. Partly it's due to Hoch's own goofy grins and likability; partly it's because he's captured them so exactly.

Judged solely as an evening of virtuoso acting, Evolution of a Homeboy should not be missed. Yet it's so much more than that—so life-affirming, so poignant, so hysterically funny, that I wish I had a bigger thumb to turn up.

Evolution of a Homeboy plays Tuesday to Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., with some Saturday matinees, and no performances on Oct. 31 or Nov. 4. Tickets are \$34.50 to \$45. Call 845-4700.

Award

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always drawn to English "because it's fun," she said. "I feel that English is easy in the sense that it has a phonetic alphabet. That was the most amazing discovery when I was a kid," she said, wide-eyed.

Kingston is one of five children. "When we were children," she said looking out of her fourth-floor English department window, "I think we were all good writers, and we made up stories, ... towns and people. Sort of like the Brontes. We were like that when we were kids."

Two of her siblings were also English majors and four of them used to teach at one time. Some of them used to write, too, but "I'm the only one who writes now," said Kingston, who has been married for 35 years and has one son.

Since 1990, Kingston has served as a senior lecturer in UC-Berkeley's Department of English. Professor Anne Middleton, then English department chair, was instrumental in appointing Kingston. "The circumstance was that we were asked to make an appointment or two in creative writing," and wanted to name someone in the stature of U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Haas. Middleton said. "I think (Kingston's) a wonderful member of the faculty. She has a real energetic commitment to the enterprise."

"It is the most wonderful feeling to have a lifetime alma mater," Kingston said of her return to Berkeley as a teacher. "I wouldn't teach at any other school." This semester she's teaching two undergraduate courses: Non-fiction Prose and Reading for Writers.

Don Lattin, religion writer for *The Chronicle*, is a student in Kingston's non-fiction prose class. He is auditing her course as part of a semester-long Chronicle fellowship. "I wanted to take a writing course," to improve as a journalist, he said. "One of the problems with being a reporter for 20 years is that you develop a survival mechanism of always needing to write fast and on deadline. As journalists, we focus too much on quotation and not as much on detail." But Kingston likes to focus on detail in description, he said, so Lattin's trying to integrate her techniques into his own writing.

Lilly Sun is also in Kingston's Non-fiction Prose course. "She's very generous with her space and time," Sun said, adding that she fosters a "trusting and sharing atmosphere" both in class and during office hours.

Kingston holds office hours an hour and a half before her Non-fiction Prose class. She sits at her immaculate desk among three floor-to-ceiling bookshelves with works on them like *Candide*, *Moby*

Dick, *The Norton Anthology of Literature by Women* and *The Tripmaster Monkey*, one of her own books. A framed "Excellence in Achievement Award" from the California Alumni Association leans propped up on a high shelf, against the wall.

Students use the time to tap into the author's literary talent. English major Sylvia La attended office hours to ask how to integrate dialogue into two different languages into her stories, a literary device Kingston uses in her own writing. Another student, Leatha Jones, who works with remedial English students, sought Kingston's advice about how to teach better writing techniques.

When does she find the time to write? Kingston said she's disciplined herself to write four to five hours daily. "I need to set these hours," she said. "Five hours or six pages. I have to give myself these limits because otherwise, I feel guilty for the rest of the evening."

Each time she sits down to write, however, it's not necessarily with a book in mind. Many writers may profess to have a book—or two or three—in them, but not Kingston. "Writing a book is such an amorphous task. I don't even know that I have anything until years have gone by; I don't know if I have anything substantial or if all this work will lead to anything. So if I work like a horse—if I just persevere—that's the best I can do."

When she is at home and not writing, she has a hard time just sitting. "I'm trying to learn to sit and not do anything," she laughed. "If I'm watching TV, I'm ironing, or I'm doing the taxes."

Kingston's 30-year practice of meditation has helped in her pursuit to sit still. "Now I think I'm doing very well. I'm very aware that during the time I'm doing meditation, I'm not doing something else," she said. Then quickly, "But of course the mind goes on," she chuckled, admitting some defeat.

Kingston left for Hawaii in 1967 during the Vietnam War and stayed there for 17 years. "When I was in Hawaii, I used to write on the beach a lot," she said. Today, she sits down to write in her home studio that she and her husband built after the 1991 East Bay hills fire destroyed some of their property.

She selects her writing implement depending on her mood. "I have two computers, a lot of beautiful fountain pens, and a nubbed pen," she said. "When my father died, he left about a dozen bottles of ink that he made himself, so I realized that I have a lifetime supply of ink that I can use with a dip pen."

"Usually when I'm just getting an idea and it's very vague," she whispered, "and I'm just trying to grab it, I'll use pencil because a pencil has so many dimensions to

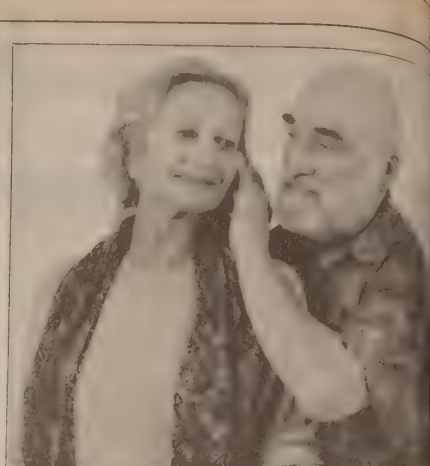
it."

Writing didn't always come easily or quickly to Kingston. "For 30 years of my life, I could only write in the first person," she told another advice-seeking student. She spent years practicing and perfecting her craft. Today, she puts her voice into her characters to sidestep the "I" and segue into the third person. She also relies on literary techniques such as dream imagery, memory and autobiography in her writing.

Her signature style is sometimes criticized. "Clearly [Kingston's] work has been incredibly important and debated," said Tina Chen, an advanced doctoral candidate in English at Berkeley and a scholar in Asian-American literature. According to the literary critics, said Chen, the authenticity of Kingston's works, such as *Woman Warrior*, have been questioned because of her emphasis on reality-distorting dream imagery. Critics also contend that she caters too heavily to a white audience.

Kingston doesn't agree with her critics. "A lot of misreadings—and deliberate misreadings—occur, I think, in order to back up somebody's political agenda," she said.

The self-described "born-writer" doesn't let others' comments distract her from her work. Fresh from the National Humanities Medal awards ceremony and expecting her latest book, *Hawaii One Summer*, to be on bookshelves by December, Kingston said, "I feel very happy. Very good."



Betty Cohen and Jerry Fishman in STAGEbridge's production of 'Love, Sex and Growing Old'

No more 'Caring,' but 'Love, Sex...' carries on

STAGEbridge has announced the cancellation of all performances of the play 'Caring.' Also cancelled are matinees of 'Love, Sex and Growing Old.' But the evening performances of 'Love, Sex...' will continue through Dec. 7 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, Berkeley. Performances are 8 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are \$10. Call 444-4755 for details.

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Mama

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Viking, "the bravest cat in San Francisco."

Mr. Hyde (Louis Flynn), the shady boarder who reads *A Tale of Two Cities* and other great works to the family of an evening, rounds out mama's household.

Coming through the back door to lay their problems at mama's feet are her three sisters: the timid Trina (Dorothea Rastegar) engaged at last to the equally timid mortician, Peter Thorkelson (Robert A. Knop Jr.); and the haughty duo Sigrid (Janice Kaprowski who, doubling as costumier, chose the colorful period costumes) and Jenny (Gail Wetherbee).

The Junoesque Linda Hanson plays Florence Dana Moorhead, the famous author with whom mama exchanges recipes for advice on how to be a great writer and Jack Tucker, Dr. Johnson who bans Uncle Chris from the hospital for meddling with his diagnoses.

CCCT scenic designer Matt Flynn enhances the nostalgia with a homey kitchen in soft brown woods flanked by black and white projections of scenes of 1910 San Francisco.

I Remember Mama was immensely popular when it first appeared in 1944, possibly because it provided a kinder, gentler respite for audiences unnerved by the war. That it continued on as an equally successful movie and a long-running television series proved

its ability to touch hearts and souls in any time.

Based as it is on Forbes' short stories, *Mama* is more a series of episodes than a tension-building drama. But anyone who thinks he's seen it all already will be pleasantly surprised by the CCCT's tender, fresh look at the all-American legend.

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Shaw

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ballroom at the Julia Morgan-designed Berkeley City Club so that it can be used for several of next season's larger-scaled productions. According to Aurora Theatre's Artistic Director Barbara Oliver "Shaw and the Aurora seem to be a good match. We wanted to kick off our season with a celebration of Shaw for he is the essence of what the Aurora is all about—words and ideas."

Tickets are priced at \$15.75 and can be reserved by calling 848-7800. The Berkeley City Club is located at 2315 Durant Avenue.

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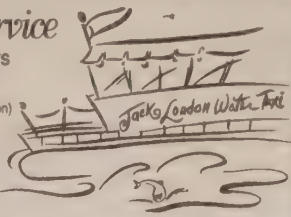
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Dishing the Dish

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The Maven went to see Orson Welles' 1958 film noir "Touch of Evil" at the Castro last weekend. I don't know about you, but I'm not one to eat popcorn and other *chazerai* at the theater. That's because I love to have dinner before the movie.

And so it was that The Maven strolled up the street, which as you can imagine, was already festooned with Halloween stuff, where I went to the newly opened Nirvana — the Asian noodle shop created by the No. 1 son of Phillip and Nancy Chu of Oakland's Nan Yang on Rockridge.

Nirvana is noisy with the sounds of singing woks and Afro-Cuban jazz blaring from the sound system, as well as from apparently happy eaters sucking down Nirvana's noodles, most of which (the noodles, that is) are variations of the Burmese dishes borrowed from Nan Yang.

But here, there are karma noodles (vegetarian), and sharing plates such as stirred fried jicama and triple mushrooms, fresh pickled Burmese peppers, garlic noodles with mango and garlic noodles with seared prawns. It's a noodle thing, which started in New York and is now coming to a restaurant near you. One hopes Nirvana noodles on down our way.

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Children

Oct. 31
Halloween Spookfest; 4 - 7 p.m.; safe natural Halloween fun for kids and pets featuring pet passage, veterinarians, animal communicators, pet adoption outreach, hot cider and hot dogs, free Wild Oats sodas, music, and a really great costume contest; every kid gets a starter goody bag and free refreshments, just for being there; Wild Oats Market, 1581 University Ave., Berkeley.

Halloween Spooktacular; 7 - 9:30 p.m.; swimming in a bat cave, arts and crafts, carnival games, haunted house, costume contest, parade, lots of goodies, more! Downtown Berkeley YMCA, 2001 Allston Way; \$1 - \$2.

Halloween philanthropy event; 4-6 p.m.; the Delta Delta Delta sorority at UC-Berkeley announces its 1997 Halloween party, in which the sorority hosts a fun and safe party for approximately 50 - 60 underprivileged children from different organizations in the East Bay; food, games, arts and crafts, face painting, trick

or treating, and a haunted house are all activities provided at the party; Tri-Delta house, 2300 Warring St., Berkeley.

Ongoing
Lawrence Hall of Science
LHS Biology Lab; Saturdays and Sundays 1:30 - 4 p.m.; hold and observe gentle animals and ask questions to find out more about living things.
Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak, Berkeley; 642-5123.

La Peña Cultural Center
Nov. 1; 10:30 a.m.; Plum City Players, featuring Bonnie Lickhart, Nancy Schmel, and Ann Hershey; \$3 adults, \$2 children.
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Classes

Oct. 30
Public Access Television; 6 - 9 p.m.; 6 to 9 p.m.; beginning three part field and edit classes which will teach you how to take calls, show videos and interview a guest with no crew; \$10; for more details, call 848-2288, ask for Rick Sylvain.

Nov. 3
Caring for an Aging Parent/Spouse/Friend: Strategies and Solutions; 7 - 8 p.m.; discuss normal aging, strokes, Alzheimer's disease, Dementia and psychiatric illnesses with Geriatric Specialist Joann Nelson; Albany Senior Center; 524-9122.

Ongoing
Introductory Yoga Class; Berkeley Yoga Center offers a free class the first Friday evening of every month, and other

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International Trade Program workshops, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 25; International Risk Management

Registration is open until the first class session; 2020 Milvia St., between University and Addison, room 1, Berkeley; \$6.50 residents/\$74 nonresidents.

Community Events

Nov. 2 - 7
Celebration of Older Life; exhibits, music, speakers, poetry, and events for senior living; for more information contact Maris Arnold, 843-3236.

Ongoing
Women's Cancer Resource Center; volunteers needed to assist women with cancer. A training to work on the Information and Referral Hotline, the one-to-one in-home support program, or general help at the Center will be held Nov. 1, 2, 8 and 9; WCRC, 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 548-9286 to apply before Oct. 25.

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An unprotected car is an easy mark for a professional thief. The police told us that Jettas had a reputation as an easy mark and that the seats had only a single bolt securing them. Car thieves want to work quickly and furtively so the main goals of car alarms and other security devices are to scare thieves away or to slow them down so much that they will give up the attempt.

The experts reviewed by the editors of *Consumer Reports 1997 New Car Buying Guide* emphasize "layered" protection: presenting a thief with a series of challenges. The first layer is common sense: Remove the ignition key, close the windows; lock the doors; and park in well-lit and well frequented areas. (Both times the Jetta's seats were ripped off, the car was locked, parked in our driveway, right in front of the house with a street lamp shining on it).

The second layer consists of visible or audible deterrents - a steering wheel lock, or a siren that sounds when the car is nudged or a door opened. Even just a car alarm decal can work as a bluff. (Years after we finally disconnected our car alarm, the little red bulb still flashed on. We have never had the car broken into since).

A third layer includes devices that disable the starter, ignition or fuel system. These may be even the practiced criminal. More sophisticated security systems combine elements of three.

Of all these security devices, alarm systems predominate. Some are 'factory installed' or 'pre-installed' by the manufacturer, your dealer may arrange for installation at a local auto-security shop or car alarm dealer where most alarm systems are sold. Or, Scott and me, you can take the car into the shop yourself. Unless you are auto repair gifted, especially automotive electronics, you need to have the system installed by a professional, one that has a good track record and references. Signs of a sloppy installation include clumsily routed wiring that is concealed, wires that are twisted and merely taped together, or installation where the alarm system's control box is placed under the driver's side of the dashboard where it is easy for a thief to reach. A sloppy installation or improper adjustment can cause malfunction or result in false alarms. But even with a professional functioning system, nuisance alarms are inevitable, what we call operator error and earthquakes.

If you have a question or story or tip to share, send it care of Karen Senzig, at Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, CA 94619 or FAX it to (510) 339-3053, or e-mail to ksenzig@aol.com

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206 Found

CAT, short-hair black silver tiger striped, female. Piedmont School/ Magnolia, October 20th. 420-3206.

FEMALE: blonde dog, middle age. Found Thornhill School. Brown leather collar. 398-9715.

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208 Lost

STROLLER, Combi Savvy 2. Left on side-walk at Mountain/ Medea. October 10th. Call 531-2570

CAT, male, 6 years neutered. Shorthair, black/white paws/ nose. Blair Ave. October 12th. 547-5958

LOST cat, black/pepper striped. 3/4 tail with a pom pom. Male, neutered. "Noby" 338-0651

LOST cat, short hair black with white nose/paws. Corner, Blair/Hopwood. Pink collar. 547-5958

BLACK Cat, male, yellow eyes. Lost Friday 10/17/80. Black, Jackson Street. Albany. 525-5205

LOST small 2 year old tortoise-shell cat, very shy. Missing October 12th, Montclair area. 339-1854

OLD, confused 60lb, yellow dog. Medea in Montclair. October 24th. 9pm. No I.D. Reward 339-0897

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OAKLAND: 3745 Elston Avenue Super Side-walk Sale to benefit recent Meditation Center. Saturday Nov 1-3 Misc items.

OAKLAND: 12121 Skyline Blvd. (Redwood Road) Sunday, 9-4 Furniture, household, clothing, much more!

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ALBANY: Corner Corneli's Dartmouth, Sunday, November 2, 9 am. Electronics, 14+ women's clothes, kitchenware, miscellaneous.

BERKELEY: 2700 Ninth St. Carleton, Saturday, November 1st and 1997, 10-4 pm. Great Post Halloween Rummage Sales. Furnish your apartment at the best prices. Clothing, books, houseware. Even two used cars. Help animals 945-7735

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DIETARY Aide: Alhambra Day Program seeks responsible person to serve lunches, prepare snacks, order and keep inventory of dietary supplies, maintain kitchen facility. Call CDA, preferred. Monday-Friday 10:30am-2:30pm. Salary to be determined. EOE Call Joe at: 510-644-6292.

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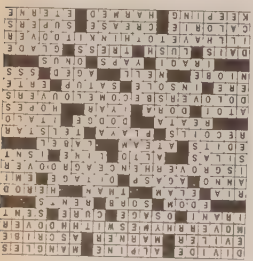
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Tall as Tall Buildings: The Work of Barry Simons, through Jan. 10; single color ink on paper, collage, even text; The Ames Gallery, 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley; 845-4949.

Audrey Wallace Taylor, an exhibition of her watercolor and pastel landscapes; through Nov. 2; Nadame's Gallery, 2748 Adeline St., Berkeley; 526-4613.

"Women Series", through Jan. 2; an exhibit by Impressionist Painter Regine Pressler; reception for the artist Oct. 10, 7-9 p.m.; Red Oak Gallery, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-3387.

Body Decoration from Around the World, through January; an exhibit featuring tattooing, body painting and scarification from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North America and South America, shown in photograph, illustrations, paintings, carvings and currency; Tattoo Archive, 2804 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 548-5895.

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Sidney Gordin (1918 - 1996): An Artist's Journey, through Nov. 2; a one person exhibit surveying five decades of painting and sculpture; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St.; 644-6893.

Ceramic Still Life, through Dec. 13; The California College of Arts and Crafts presents a survey of work by over 40 contemporary ceramic artists from throughout the United States; CCA's Oliver Art Center at the Oakland Campus, 5212 Broadway; 594-3650.

Berkeley Art Museum
Knowledge of Higher Worlds: Rudolf Steiner's Blackboard Drawings; through Jan. 4; surprisingly contemporary drawings done by scholar and mystic Steiner over 75 years ago.

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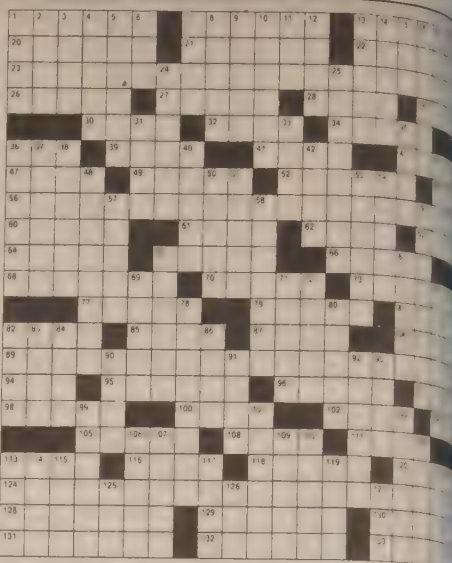
Religion and Culture: The Inter-faces in a Global Perspective; 7:30 p.m.; presented by Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Professor of Islamic studies at the George Washington University; Chapel of the Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley; 649-2420.

New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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BY CATHY MILLHAUSER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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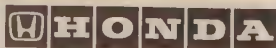


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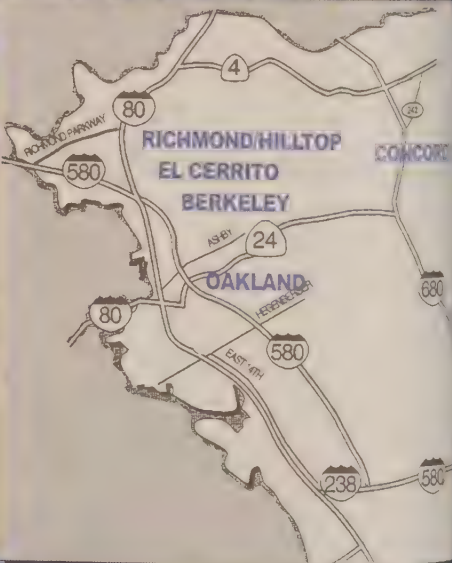
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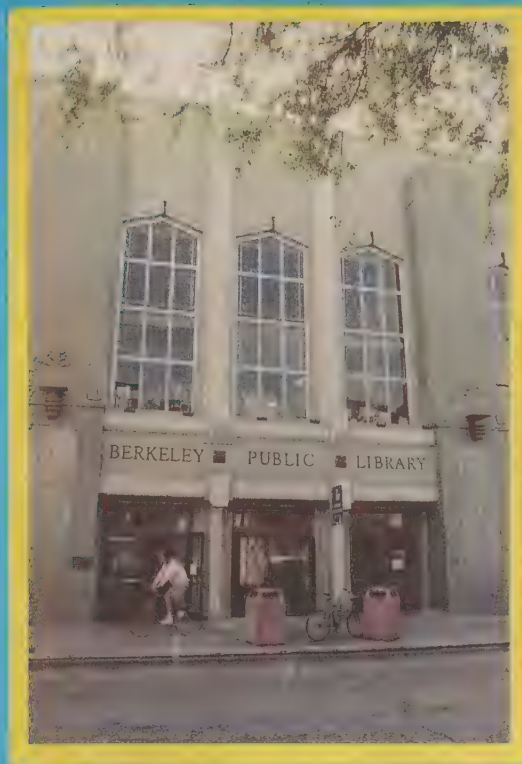


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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Community policing: breaking down barriers

By Tiller Russell

In the five years since local police began getting out of their squad cars and into the neighborhoods they patrol, community involvement in policing has gone from a theoretical concept to an operational reality in Berkeley.

Leaving behind the era of strict incident response — sending officers to crime scenes after an offense has been committed — the city's police force is taking on

BPD has hosted a series of cultural sensitivity seminars. In those training sessions, which are mandatory for every officer, community members offer insights into the perception of police in their neighborhoods.

Longtime activist Jim Smith, who is a founding member of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association and recently participated in the African American panel in this summer's cultural sensitivity session, said such

in a certain neighborhood, officers are now communicating with other city departments to address problems which were once left to others.

Two examples of CIP in practice can be found in diverse parts of the city and involved radically different situations.

An explosion of drug dealing in West Berkeley in the past six months threatened to overwhelm a neighborhood in the Columbus School area. When community

Avenue was identified as the source of a string of wild parties. With the help of various city departments, the residents eventually succeeded in restricting outside rentals of the temple.

Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association president G.J. Stillson-MacDonell said community policing played a significant role in the effort. "It really worked for both us," she said. "It was great for the neighbors to have access to the police. And the

"It's all about instructing people in subtle cultural differences to overcome the walls of race or religion or whatever it is that pushes them apart."

Jim Smith
Community Activist

"The idea was basically to move from a need-based relationship — where people call the cops when a problem arises — to an ongoing partnership with regular communication. And it helps both of us."

Lt. Douglas N. Hambleton
Project Manager

a more pro-active role.

And the transformation has netted concrete results, such as a dramatic drop in the number of category one crimes at Berkeley High School.

At the core of the program, project manager Lt. Douglas N. Hambleton said, is a change in philosophy.

"The idea was basically to move from a need-based relationship — where people call the cops when a problem arises — to an ongoing partnership with regular communication. And it helps both of us. The cops gain efficiency and the citizens get improved quality of life," Hambleton said.

To break down the barriers between the men and women in blue and the citizens they serve, the department established the twin pillars of community policing: community engagement and problem solving.

The community engagement aspect of "Community-Involved Policing" (CIP) ranges from the simple salutation — urging duty officers to stop and say hello to people on their beats — to more intensive programs like the Citizen's Police Academy, in which Berkeley residents learn the fundamentals of police work.

And to insure that the channels of communication are two-way,

programs are invaluable.

"It's all about instructing people in subtle cultural differences to overcome the walls of race or religion or whatever it is that pushes them apart," he said. For example, Smith continued, if a white cop responds to a distress call in a predominantly black area, the officer might unconsciously approach the white witnesses first.

"So if you tell the officer that might be perceived as offensive to the people who live there, next time the officer will purposefully go to one of the black witnesses to find out what happened. And it's these little things that make or break relationships," he said.

But, it is the "problem solving" component of community involvement policing that represents the greatest innovation in departmental policy.

Because police officers have more routine contact with the public than any other city employees, they enjoy a unique perspective on the quality of city services.

Making use of that vantage point, community involved policing encourages officers to identify problem areas outside of their normal scope of action. Whether the trouble relates to traffic accidents at a given intersection or poor street lighting

activists contacted the police about the problem, a spirit of cooperation grew up between them. Neighborhood watch captains met with beat officers and the area coordinator to identify possible solutions.

While police undertook an undercover investigation, which eventually led to the arrest and indictment of 36 crack dealers, neighborhood residents installed lights in the poorly lit pockets of their block. And city staff trimmed back trees and beefed up the lighting along the street.

In early October, police returned to the neighborhood in celebration of the sweep. Activists mingled with officers in a show of solidarity, and ice cream flowed freely from the mobile police substation into the mouths of neighborhood kids.

One of the local activists, who asked to remain anonymous, attributed the success of the neighborhood cleanup effort to the "network of groups working together."

In North Berkeley, citizens and beat cops faced a different problem. When a raucous party ended in a shooting death last April, Thousand Oaks residents teamed up with the police to tackle the problem.

In the ensuing investigation, the Masonic Temple on Colusa

close contact with community helped the police disseminate and gather information.

While the neighborhood continues to iron out its differences with the Masons, the paths of communication are now greatly improved, thanks in part to the police department.

However, not everyone is wholly supportive of CIP. Critics like Lenore Anderson of Copwatch, have questioned whether the funds raised for community policing — an estimated \$350,000 in federal grants per year — might be better spent on other city services.

Nonetheless, Anderson noted that the basic idea "of encouraging police officers to get to know folks in the community is a good one." As CIP continues to expand, Anderson said she hopes the average citizen will have greater input into police activities.

And that's precisely what Berkeley Police Chief Dash Butler said he sees for the future. "This is all about engaging the needs of the community. As we stand poised to enter the next millennium, I'm hopeful that community policing will evolve to meet the demands of those it is designed to serve — the people who make up the city of Berkeley," he said.



Community activist Jim Smith on left takes a quiet moment with Berkeley Community Policing Officer Robert Sieb. They are their partners, from left to right Bill Gies-Smith, Roger Madrigal, 8, Manuel Santos, 4, and Jason Fluker, 1.

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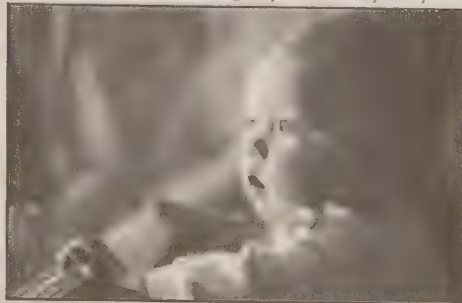
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Church faces today's tough challenges

By Rob Selna

Homelessness HIV and AIDS, incarceration are issues that sound like they would make Congress's top 10 hard-to-fix list. However, they are problems that also define programs run by Berkeley's oldest and largest Baptist church.

This fall, the 1,000-member McGee Avenue Baptist Church at 1640 Stuart Street in South Berkeley is celebrating its 79th year of service and activism in the community. McGee's pastor Mark Wilson explained that the church's long history of service is rooted in two traditions: the church is a long-standing safe haven for Berkeley's black community and its congregation believes that religion without good works is meaningless.

"The church has always served as a nation within a nation for African-Americans in the community. It has been a place for them to bring their issues and concerns and have them listened to," Wilson said. "And today, issues like AIDS and incarceration are affecting large numbers of African-Americans."

But, Wilson said, the church believes there is more to spirituality than praying and discussing issues within the church.

"Spiritual development is not disconnected from social activism and any religion or church

that talks about salvation of the soul, but does not talk about conditions that scar the soul is a dead religion," Wilson added, paraphrasing the words of Martin Luther King.

At any given time, McGee Baptist Church has 22 "ministries" in operation. The term ministry means "to serve" and the McGee programs either provide service directly to the community or raise awareness of important social issues.

Many church members say they belong to the church primarily because of the community work that it performs. "The 15 mile drive it takes me to get here is worth it, because serving

member was incarcerated and wanted to maintain contact with the congregation. Since then, McGee members have visited and held prayer services and bible study with inmates at Santa Rita and San Quentin.

For the last two years, church members have gone to San Quentin on Father's Day and plan to visit on Dec. 6 to celebrate Christmas. "The men (at San Quentin) have some pretty dismal and serious situations," said Deacon William Harralson, who heads the prison ministry program.

"But when I have gone out to the services there, I feel blessed to have seen all the hope and

"The highest incidence of AIDS in Berkeley, is in the 94702 and 94703 zip codes and McGee's zip code is 94703, but churches have been fearful and did not really want to reach out," Wilson said.

Frankie Moore, M.D., runs the HIV/AIDS ministry and said fewer than 10 Baptist churches in the East Bay do any kind of HIV/AIDS outreach. "Other churches have shied away from these diseases because of the association with homosexuality and the stigma of the illness," she said. But, Moore said that leaders at McGee could not ignore the issue because it was having such a profound impact on the community.

"People in the community had AIDS, people in the church had AIDS. AIDS had hit this community extra hard and we wanted to do something," Moore said.

In the past year, the city of Berkeley gave Moore and the church a grant to facilitate AIDS awareness seminars for other churches in the East Bay. Moore, who recently received her masters degree from divinity school and is now a minister in the church, said she was attracted to the church's

Art: the very stuff of life

By Sheila Holderness

Most of us don't know it, but we can't live without art. If we weren't able to occasionally look at a pretty view, an interesting picture, a piece of sculpture we want to touch, hear a poem that expresses exactly how we feel, music we can get lost in — anything that provokes us out of the ordinary — we would probably implode.

The people of Berkeley and its city officials should be grateful, to the Berkeley Arts Center Association (BACA), a community arts organization, whose home has been in the middle of Live Oak Park for 30 years.

Berkeley Arts Center is one of those solid entities in our city that plods along trying to be there for us, our kids, our working artists, when we feel a need to look at, participate in, or create, a piece of art.

The late-great Chronicle art critic, Alfred Frankenstein, picked it as the museum showing the most interesting and cutting edge art work during the late '60s, and early '70s. Its first exhibit was in May 1967 a time, if you recall, that was rife with social and political foment. BACA has continued to showcase the changing shape of the arts-as-influenced-by-social-political-events, since that time.

Berkeley Arts Center is not a large space — just one exhibition area and a little patio — where it exhibits art by local artists, arts performances, occasional workshops, arts and crafts demonstrations and programs for kids, poetry readings, musical events, lectures and two special art exhibits each year.

On the third Thursday of each month, the center holds a "salon" for artists to show slides of their work and discuss it with other participants.

Small potatoes, you say? Take a look at some of the impressive things Berkeley Arts Center is currently giving

or has given in the past to our community.

To celebrate its 30th anniversary this month, BACA has planned three different special exhibitions - thanks to a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts.

The nexus and history of the Berkeley Arts Center to the neighborhoods and the overall Berkeley figures prominently in the theme of the celebration.

One of those shows is a retrospective of Sidney Gordin's work (he died a year ago at the age of 80). Gordin was a longtime faculty member at U.C. Berkeley and resident of the city for 40 years. A well known artist, Gordin's paintings, sculpture and three-dimensional relief works (major theme: geometric abstraction) are part of the San Francisco Museum of Art, New York's Metropolitan Museum, Brooklyn Museum and the Corcoran Gallery.

Earlier this year, BACA did a big group show of artists who have exhibited there over the past 30 years: really big art names, like Elmer Bischoff, Enrique Chagoya, Kate-Delos, Bella Tabak Feldman, Milton Komisar, Yolanda Lopez, Kay Sekimachi, Joe Slusky, Terry St. John, John Toki, Robert Bechtle, Jos Sances and one of the hottest young artists around, Barry McGee, whose large-scale installations are shown at San Francisco's Museum of Art and Center for the arts (he started out as a bandit graffiti artist).

Mildred Howard, is one of two African-American women discussed in the latest edition of Janson's History of Art (the Talmud of the art world) and a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts award.

She was first recognized publicly in a 1980 BACA show, at the beginning of her successful career, and has gone on to become one of the internationally acclaimed artists Berkeley has a right to

The Berkeley Art Center is located at 1275 Walnut Street (in Live Oak Park); Sidney Gordin: 1918-1996: An Artist's Journey will be on exhibit through November 2. Call 644-6893.



Pastor Mark Wilson sees his 1,000-member McGee Avenue Baptist Church's long history of service rooted in two traditions: a long-standing safe haven for Berkeley's black community and a belief that religion without good works is meaningless

Photo by Noah Berger

the community is what makes a good church," Hercules resident Delories Blake said.

McGee's most active community efforts include its prison ministry, AIDS and HIV ministry, and food program.

The prison ministry started five years ago when a church

faith that they still have."

According to Wilson, the HIV/AIDS ministry — which includes education programs medical referrals — was started in response to a need for accurate information about the illness in local churches and the community at large.

progressive history. "This was one of the first churches in the area to allow women to be ordained as ministers," she said.

And while McGee is predominantly African-American, it welcomes and encourages people of all races and ethnicities to

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“Spiritual development is not disconnected from social activism; any religion or church that talks about salvation of the soul, but does not talk about conditions that scar the soul is a dead religion.”

McGee Avenue Baptist Church pastor Mark Wilson

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Boosters boss offers youth an alternative to guns and gangs

By Greg Hugunin

When Ove Wittstock grew up in Zurich, Switzerland, in the 1930s and 1940s, life was quite different from what it is today. The most destructive war in human history was raging just outside the borders of his tiny, neutral country. Within them, life went on much as usual.

The occasional Allied or German warplane might fly overhead, and by war's end the Swiss—and the rest of the world—would be shocked by images of the millions who died in Nazi concentration camps. Yet at the same time, Zurich was a place where men wore ties to work or in a restaurant, a place where, for better or worse, people kept an eye on one another, one where drugs—let alone gangs—were practically unheard of.

A calm, thoughtful man whose eyes are framed by well-worn smile lines, he glances often toward a collection of photographs on the wall of his University Avenue office: teens climbing Mount Shasta or plunging at breakneck speed through a whitewater rapid, a young woman tending a garden, Wittstock himself at the helm of a sailboat.

Recently, says Wittstock, executive director of the Berkeley Boosters Association, he compared his childhood with that of a Berkeley police officer and friend who grew up in a poor neighborhood in Oakland in the 1960s. To his surprise, their lives had much more in common than those of many young people growing up in Berkeley today.

"There was community pressure to behave then," he says. "Nowadays, you don't dare tell a kid (on the street) not to do something."

Youth in the 1990s—particu-

larly those who are deemed "at-risk"—deal with situations which, quite simply, other generations did not face. Guns, drugs and gangs can be daily facts of life, and police are often viewed as a hostile, outside presence.

Some must live without the support others take for granted, lives in which, from the beginning, the deck is stacked against them.

"Here in Berkeley, a kid might go to first grade with the son or daughter of a university professor who has a computer at home, who probably knows how to read and write by the time they go to school," Wittstock says. "These kids have a disadvantage from the first day on."

In seeking to level that playing field, the Berkeley Boosters takes a somewhat novel approach: attempting to build bridges between youth, police officers and the community at-large through simple, shared experience. Through the Boosters, youth who might otherwise rarely get out of the city have an opportunity to go horseback riding, kayaking and deep-sea fishing, and to interact with Berkeley police officers in ways which they never did before.

"You have to overcome fear,

you have to overcome 'I can't do it,'" Wittstock says.

"We're trying to use these activities to teach kids, 'Look, you're not just limited to dropping out of high school and becoming a drug dealer. There are

It works both ways. (Kids) have seen movies and they think a police officer shoots at least one person a day. One of the first questions is, 'How many people have you shot?' and the typical answer is, 'I've never shot

Current Deputy Chief Roy Meisner remembers hitting the streets shortly thereafter in search of business persons to support the program, and, at the end of a particularly long day, tired and ready to go home, he wandered

into the Telegraph Avenue shoe store of a "nice man" named Ove Wittstock, who volunteered to represent Berkeley's South Campus area.

After gathering some 200 community members to sponsor the program and forming an all-civilian board of directors, one of the first orders of business was to provide a trip for youth in West Berkeley to an Oakland A's game. According to Wittstock, an officer who regularly patrolled the area came to

him and said drug dealers were using children from the neighborhood as delivery persons in exchange for tickets, and asked,

in essence, why don't we do the same?

"We didn't know if we were going to be five kids showing up or a hundred kids," he says at departure time, though, the person capacity bus rented for the occasion was full, and the program was well underway.

Wittstock himself took over as executive director in 1986. After 20 years on Telegraph Avenue, he sold his business and devoted the majority of his time and energy to the Boosters. He has four children, three of whom graduated from UC Berkeley. He left home, and he figured it was right to help others who might not have had the same opportunities.

Over the years, the Boosters has evolved from an all-volunteer organization to one which provides four full-time staff persons and three additional staffers from the AmeriCorps program.

Surviving on grants and support from the community, the programs are free for participants, most of whom are referred to the Boosters by local police. The Boosters helps run projects ranging from an urban garden to the city's Police Activities League (PAL), with a goal of forming a link between the community and police and to reduce juvenile delinquency by showing youth that there are alternatives to crime.

Through the Boosters, youth participate in activities ranging from judo to golf. They set sail across the Bay on the 51-foot

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Ove Wittstock, executive director of the Berkeley Boosters Association, grew up in Zurich, Switzerland, during the 1940s when young people were not pressured by gangs and guns.

Photo by Greg Hugunin

avenues open to you.

"We try to get as many officers as we can involved in breaking down some of the preconceived idea kids have about officers, and officers about kids.

anybody," Wittstock says.

The Boosters got its start in 1983, when former Police Chief Ron Nelson sought to create a program similar to the Newton Street Boosters in Los Angeles.



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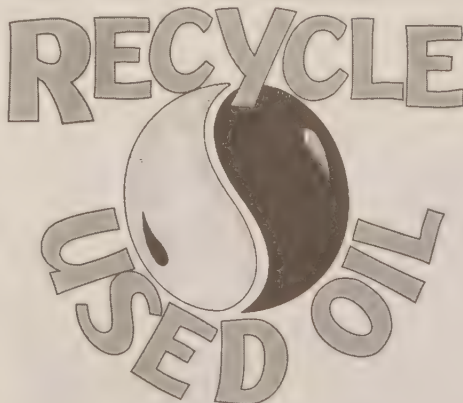
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Each year, Downtown Berkeley hosts the Jupiter Jam Jazz and Blues Festival. The Jam, nestled in the heart of the budding Arts District on Addison Street, is one of the largest outdoor music events in Berkeley. Attracting more than 6,000 patrons each year, the urban street fair features music from renowned local jazz and blues artists, handcrafted microbrews, and a variety of food booths.

It's not unusual to have such an onslaught of visitors in downtown. New pedestrian lighting, the "EZ Park" parking validation program, landscaping, and improved pedestrian crosswalks have made Downtown Berkeley a more attractive place to work, live and play. Recent visitors may have noticed cleaner sidewalks and streets thanks to the tireless efforts of Public Works and B.O.S.S. clean-up crews.

Enhancements to the area continue with The Downtown Berkeley Public Improvements Plan, an eco-city approach to downtown revitalization. This endeavor encompasses the Center Street Plan, a joint project of UC Berkeley and the City which is significantly funded by a Transportation Enhancement Activities grant from the Federal Government. The project, designed to spruce up the pedestrian corridor that links Downtown to the University of California, includes plans to widen sidewalks, install pedestrian lighting, and enhance the landscaping.

The Downtown Berkeley Public Improvements Plan also called for the development of the Arts District on Addison Street. Since the project's inception, some of the best local design talent has come together to reconfigure the streetscape as an attractive, distinctive public space that can serve as an outdoor venue for arts and cultural events. Once completed, the planned public space improvements will help catalyze new cultural activity in the surrounding buildings, including a second 500-seat main stage for the Tony award winning Berkeley Repertory Theater and a Capoteira Brazilian Arts Cultural Center.

Also planned is sidewalk lighting on Shattuck and University Avenues. These improvements will become a reality as a result of Measure S passed by voters last November. The Council is expected to approve allocation of funds to these improvements in the coming months.

Recent visitors to Downtown Berkeley have enjoyed renovated building facades. Many shops including the EZ Stop Deli and Games of Berkeley participated in the City's Facade Grant Program to enhance the exterior of their businesses. These improvements are complemented by the newly designed Downtown Berkeley banners that designate major Downtown entry points.

Downtown enhancements have really paid off. Downtown Berkeley welcomed several new neighbors within the past year. Companies such as PowerBar, Mechanics Bank, Starbucks, BARRA, Berkeley Convention and Visitors Bureau, Sonoma Valley Bagels, and Potato Patch have recently moved to Downtown. Eddie Bauer, scheduled to open in Spring 1998, began demolition in September; and Habitat Children's Museum will be opening at 2230 Shattuck Avenue, across from the Hall of Health Museum.

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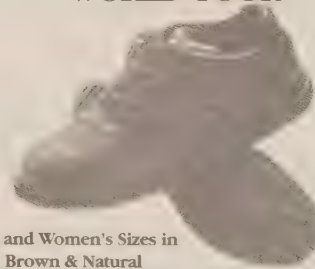
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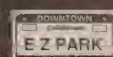
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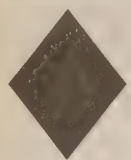
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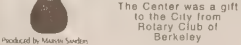
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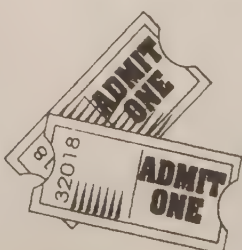
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By Kristen Gerencher

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The network, or BIN, functions like a detailed electronic notebook full of practical information about local organizations, agencies, services and clubs. As a function of the Berkeley Public Library, it is available through the same online terminals that house the card catalog.

The BIN is also accessible from home and office computers via modem and Internet. And for those who prefer to speak to a human being, the good old-fashioned telephone call is another option for using the BIN.

"We like to think of it, not as a database, but as an index to Berkeley," says BIN coordinator Sayre Van Young. "When you look in a phone book you find organizations that are big enough to get a listing. We try to track down the harder-to-find sorts of things."

With 27 subject headings and more than 500 subheadings, the BIN contains a spectrum of local color, from the Acu-

pressure Institute to the Zero Population Growth Bay Area Chapter. While there are no business listings in the BIN, it is possible to find referral services.

The BIN starting menu offers four different paths to obtaining information: name of agency, agency publication, subject, and keyword. Keyword is the broadest route to finding information, and the search can be limited after the first screen.

Apart from the easy technical aspect of using the BIN, it's the human ingenuity behind the scenes that makes using the network a paradoxically private experience. Library BIN architects like Van Young have already tried to anticipate the public's questions before anyone types the first keystroke.

The description screens provide background information such as hours of operation, wheelchair accessibility, purpose, services, eligibility requirements, which languages are available, and cost of membership. In some cases, there is a listing for protocol which instructs the user on how to address an envelope for proper business correspondence.

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—Sayre Van Young,
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decimal system, that's a system that works but it only makes sense to librarians," said supervisor Diane Davenport. "But when you sit down at the BIN, you say 'I care about kids' or 'I care about seniors' or 'I care about donations.' It's a system that we've made much more user-friendly for the patron."

The BIN has been available to the public since 1980, according to Van Young. "It started out, like so many things in the libraries back then, on cards," she said. "It's been online since

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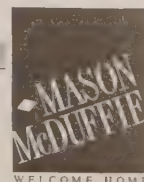
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ground of as one of its own. Her family has strong roots in Berkeley where she grew up: her mother was a political activist, a political activist who, among other things, spearheaded the successful movement to keep BART tracks underground, so its presence would not destroy our city. The center rarely does solo shows: its purpose is to give as many local artists exposure as it can through both juried exhibitions and a member show which is juried. The shows are curated based on a theme or idea that is relevant to current issues in art and contemporary art by the community.

However, BACA does exhibit shows of historical importance from time to time. One such was an exhibition of letters from the Spanish Civil War - a project suggested by a group of elderly survivors and supporters of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade many of whom are still alive in the Berkeley community.

A lot of college students from U.C. and other colleges in the area - who are interested in the period because of its importance as a movement of international solidarity and support for a freedom struggle - attended the show So, politics and art do mix in Berkeley, don't they?

The stunning quilt show, "Arbie Williams Transforms the Briches Show" was showcased at BACA. Williams was honored by the Smithsonian in 1990-

1991 by a National Heritage Fellowship grant, but the center show of her quilts was the first time her work was officially recognized. The name of the show was based on her use of briches (pant material, a traditional material used in patched quilts).

Along with the exhibit Williams did lectures and workshops for adults and kids at BACA - the relationship of African-American culture and quilts, black patterns in English speech, the traditions of quilting, gardening and story telling in the African-American community, African-American quilters use of African textiles in their piece quilts, were discussed.

Another exhibit that reflects the diversity of the shows at BACA, as well as the diversity of Berkeley's artists and culture, was called Asian Roots in Western Soil. It reflected the influence of the Japanese in American culture.

The curator, Bob Hanamura, grouped artists of many different ethnic groups whose work is influenced by Japanese esthetics to show how a cross fertilization takes place when cultures influence each other.

Along with the show, the center presented demonstrations of traditional Japanese arts and crafts, a dance performance by June Watanabe, a performance of buto, a kind of dance/voice form which originated in Japan after World War II; taiko drumming, koto and jazz

mix, and the J-Town jazz ensemble big band.

And a real David and Goliath theme emerged this year from the annual prestigious award from the Institute for Museum and Library Services - a federal grant given to museums that reflect the highest standards in the country: the only two recipients in California were the Berkeley Art Center and the Berkeley Art Museum (formerly the UCB's University Art Museum) - guess which one is Goliath.

The center was a gift to the city by the Berkeley Rotary Club to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary in 1966. The city operated it for about 12 years, until Proposition 13 hit and the center was deemed an expendable program and cut from the budget.

After being vacant for a year, several community people got permission to operate the free-admission museum on what can only be viewed as a bare-bones diet: private grants, memberships, a city grant of around \$30,000 a year (a quarter of BACA's budget) and a small grant each year for a youth arts festival from the Art Commission.

BACA's rent is free, and the city will repair whatever breaks, but the city does no maintenance and does not provide supplies, such as toilet paper - even though the bathroom is the only one for the whole park. The two paid staff members and volunteers do everything

"It is through Art, and through Art only, that we can realize our perfection; through Art and Art only that we can shield ourselves from the sordid perils of actual existence."

— Oscar Wilde

— paint, carpentry, maintenance, hanging of shows, administrative work and keeping the johns clean.

Robbin Henderson, director of the Art Center and an artist herself, says she and BACA's 12-member board are all too aware and disturbed by the short shrift that the arts are getting in our public

schools because of Proposition 13 cutbacks.

"Even though we know its no substitute for sequential arts teaching in the schools," she said. "We do what we can at the Art Center to ameliorate the situation. We all have a responsibility to at least beat the drum."

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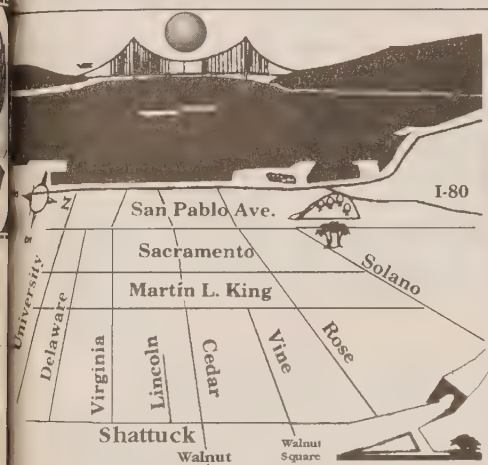
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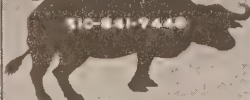
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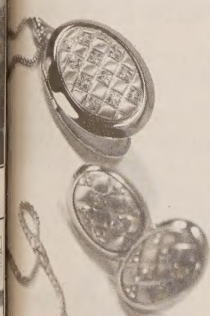
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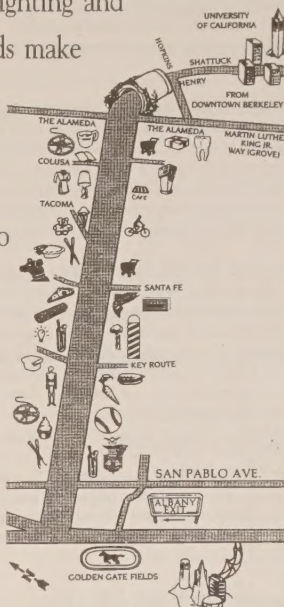
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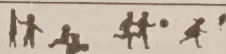
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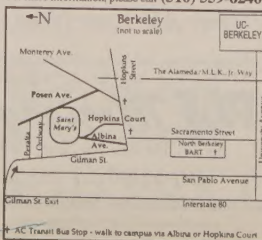
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Boosters keep Berkeley youth afloat

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Pegasus; a group tried to scale the 14,162-foot Mount Shasta this summer, an expedition halted by weather which claimed the life of a solo climber who braved chilling, 80 mph winds.

And while these experiences might, in themselves, be new to inner-city youth, the heart of the program goes beyond recreation. While on their various endeavors, youth also interact with police officers, business people and kids from different ethnic backgrounds, bonding through what might be the most powerful of vehicles: shared experience.

"They go to school together, but they don't hang out together," says Wittstock. "But if they go on a camping trip and have to sleep in the same tent, they might be scared at night, so they talk."

In the case of police officers, in particular, the Boosters provides chances to connect which young people might not otherwise receive. Officer Frank Torrence, Berkeley's PAL coordinator, says the interaction many youth have with police prior to joining the program centers around negative situations—police intervening in a domestic dispute, or using force when taking someone into custody.

"It's really important for them to see that's not what we're all about," Torrence says. "They just don't believe that we are like everyone else. A lot of them are really surprised."

"This has been, over the years,



A group of Berkeley teens braved the rapids on a whitewater rafting trip this summer.

an opportunity to keep kids active in a positive way," Deputy Chief Meisner says. "What kids end up finding out is that cops are people too. They get to know you as a person, hopefully as a role model. It's such a refreshing change on both sides."

Perhaps the most important part of the program centers around providing the support—and sense of community—which Wittstock himself felt when he was growing up in Switzerland. In some cases, youth who come through the

program might have no one to help guide them through life, no one to make them feel that they, too, have a place within the community.

"One of the things which sociologists say is a big thing to keep kids from getting into trouble is bonding, bonding with an adult, bonding with a teacher, bonding with the community," Wittstock says. "If kids feel a bond with their community, they will not destroy things, because it's theirs."

Other services provided by the

Boosters include the Berkeley Guides program, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, and Project Sunflower, through which youth tend three urban gardening plots and sell the produce to local businesses and at farmers' markets. Also, on Oct. 23, the group received the Berkeley Community Fund's community award for group achievement.

"People believe in the work the Boosters do, and it touched us," says Joy Moore, the fund's administrative assistant.

Church points way

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join. Although the church maintains an inclusive and progressive tradition, and a reputation for community work, these efforts have not always drawn the full support of its congregation.

Last year a group of about 30 members vocally questioned Wilson's leadership and were hinting that he should be replaced. According to Wilson, they believed the church was becoming too progressive and was not focused enough on traditional teachings.

Wilson said that while about 5 percent of the church membership left, many more members were in favor of the church's direction. "Some members were a little concerned about the social-issues interpretation of the scriptures and I thought maybe I should tone it down a bit," Wilson said.

"But many people said to me, 'hey that's the reason I'm at this church. You can't go and change now.'"

Wilson, McGee's pastor since 1993, said that although the controversy made him contemplate moving on, he could not abandon the church's mission and its tradition of caring. "The one thing that really stands out about this place is its high spirit of support and love," Wilson said.

A lasting example of that spirit is reflected in McGee's meal service, which feeds 200 to 300 of Berkeley's indigent and unemployed three days a week. The service began more than 20 years ago and absorbs 65 percent

"The goal is to bring the community in here."

David Johnson, Congregation Member

of the church's community programs budget. It too is in part by a city grant.

McGee plans to maintain a food program far into the future and on Sept. 8 began construction on a new kitchen. However, Wilson knows that for the church to attract younger people and survive, it must keep up with the times.

"We have to make this fun — a center for hope and that serves as sort of an anchor," he said. In that vein, volunteers started a community computer center in June, including \$25 worth of equipment and a Website.

"The goal is to bring the community in here," said David Johnson, a congregation member who persuaded his company to donate the computers. "A lot of people don't have computer skills and so we will have ongoing training."

As new community needs arise in the future, it is safe to say that McGee Avenue Baptist Church will be there to try to meet them for a long time to come.

BIN spawns similar programs nationwide

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about 1994."

Since its inception, the BIN has touched a lot of lives. People who are seeking food after dark or shelter for the night frequently call in for referrals, according to Davenport. Van Young has seen high school students working on interview projects use the BIN to locate a source.

For people who are new to the area or for those who wish to put together a mailing list, the BIN can streamline activities that would otherwise consume hours and require unnecessary legwork.

"(We get) a lot of self-help questions," Davenport said. "A lot of seniors have questions because (they) don't have a lot of resources or people to talk to them. A lot of questions you would think of from the '60s. 'Where can I get cheap legal help?' 'Where can I get inexpensive medical help?' because all those old do-gooder organizations have dried up and there's not much

government support for free legal services or health clinics."

"It's just that peripheral stuff that works, like the Ecology Center," Van Young said. "They know every ecology organization in town but they may not know where people can donate books. That's recycling. They may not have thought of it that way. So it's a wonderful adjunct to all these wonderful big services the community has."

With such a vast amount of information, the BIN may seem in danger of becoming out-of-date. But a social contract has developed between the energetic overseers and the community that benefits from the BIN. Van Young playfully admits to pulling flyers from telephone poles in her quest to add new organizations to the BIN. As for the files of the already existing organizations, she said, "we're gutsy enough to put the date on it."

The BIN also has a suggestion option where people can inform the staff of changes and new organiza-

tions. "People count on us for information," Davenport said.

"They know we're pretty darned dependable so they have a stake in it. If somebody calls and

"They know we're pretty damn dependable."

—Diane Davenport, library supervisor

we don't know the answer we'll suggest the next organization to talk to. Nine times out of 10 those people will call back and say, 'I found the answer' and we can add it to our list of things."

The success of the BIN has spawned a generation of library community information activism

across the country. "It's really seen as one of the leaders in community organization in the United States," said Davenport. "The company that owns our On Line Public Access Catalog thought it was such a fine example that they convinced other libraries...to use it as a prototype for community information."

"It's such a crisp system, such a straightforward but really useful system," Van Young said. "It doesn't give you a lot of stuff you don't need to know."

Sometimes Van Young hears back from satisfied users, such as a grateful letter from a man who, through the BIN, happened upon a support group for parents who have lost a child.

"In a way that's what libraries are like," said Van Young. "You collect these books, make them available to people, you don't know if they matter or not. You just keep doing it and every once in a while someone says, 'that book broke my heart,' or 'that book meant the world to me.'"

Seniors enjoy twilight years at nonprofit home

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"Nonprofits are a dying breed," California state Assemblywoman Dion Aroner remarked at the reception.

"They are ideal. Nothing drives the facility but care," she said.

Volunteering is a gift Chaparral House depends upon. Charlene Harrington, a board member who

works at UC San Francisco's School of Nursing, is concerned about its future.

"We want to see it survive," she says. "We need to stay linked into the community. We need its support."

Joe Coney, Chaparral's oldest resident at 102, seems to like living here. A man who enjoys his daily cigar and martini, Coney

smiles at the mere mention of a smoke.

His daughter, Pat McCarthy, decided to put her father in the home after her third hip replacement. Having looked at 10 nursing homes, she chose Chaparral House because, "well, it smells good. It is inviting."

McCarthy says when she visits, she often sees her father

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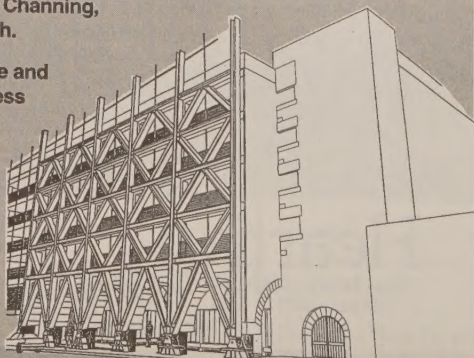
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